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### TRUMP ANSWERS QUESTIONS FOR 7 HRS IN NEW YORK FRAUD LAWSUIT

**The former US president on Friday deposed for the second time in a legal battle with New York's attorney general over his firm's business practices**

### DON CHOOSES NOT TO INVOKE 5TH AMENDMENT

In doing so, Donald Trump reversed his earlier decision to invoke his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination. On Friday, he met with Attorney General Letitia James' (left pic) lawyers, who sued him last year. The lawsuit claims Trump and his family misled banks and associates by giving false information about his net worth and the value of his hotels and golf courses

### 'EX-PREZ MANIPULATED PROPERTY VALUES'

- The lawsuit claims Trump, three of his adult children and others took part in a decade-long scheme to manipulate property values and his net worth to obtain favourable loans, and tax and insurance benefits
- The Fifth Amendment protects criminal defendants from having to testify if they may incriminate themselves through the testimony | **P9**

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**NUMBER OF TIMES DONALD TRUMP HAS INVOKED THE FIFTH AMENDMENT SO FAR**

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# CBI summons Kejriwal in Delhi's excise policy scam

Delhi CM told to appear on Sunday; AAP terms it a conspiracy

**AMIT MUKHERJEE** @New Delhi

DELHI Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was on Friday summoned by the CBI in connection with the ongoing Delhi excise policy scam that allegedly resulted in a whopping ₹2,873 crore loss to the exchequer.

He was asked to appear at the CBI headquarters at Lodhi Road around 11 am on Sunday. His Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), while calling it a conspiracy, said he will appear before the Central probe agency. "This notice is a conspiracy to arrest Kejriwal. The BJP will neither be able to silence the AAP nor Kejriwal," AAP leader Sanjay Singh said.

The scam involves reworking the excise policy to create a cartel at the wholesale level to benefit a group of liquor traders for windfall gains and kickbacks. The revised policy was later scrapped.

Kejriwal's name does not figure in the CBI chargesheet, but the Directorate of Enforcement mentioned it for the first time in its second chargesheet filed on January 6. The money trail shows he allegedly used AAP communications incharge Vijay Nair as the go-between for the kickbacks.

The ED chargesheet claimed Kejriwal, during one of his video calls with prime accused Sameer Mahendru, asked him to trust Nair, assuring he was is his (Kejriwal's) boy. It sought to establish Kejriwal's abetment to the crime, saying "Vijay Nair who orchestrated this entire scam is not an ordinary worker of the AAP but a close associate of CM Arvind Kejriwal and was closely interacting with Dy CM for the excise policy-related matters."

The ED's allegations against Kejriwal were based on various statements recorded during the investigation, including that of C Arvind, a DANICS officer and secretary to Manish Sisodia, the then deputy chief minister who held the excise portfolio.

**Seven accused**

The CBI's chargesheet names 7 accused — Vijay Nair, Boinpally, Arun R Pillai, Mootha Gautham, Sameer Mahendru, Kuldeep Singh and Narender

# Big jolt to BJP before polls, ex-DyCM Savadi joins Cong

**DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI** @ Bengaluru

IN what is considered to be the biggest jolt to BJP ahead of the Karnataka Assembly elections, former deputy chief minister and senior BJP leader Laxman Sangappa Savadi joined Congress here on Friday.

Savadi's decision came after BJP denied him a ticket to contest from the Athani Assembly constituency. Political observers are surprised by his decision as he was a prominent leader in BJP and was made to campaign extensively during the bypolls in Karnataka and also the Maharashtra Assembly elections. The ticket denial to this influential Ganiga Lingayat leader from Belagavi was also a puzzle as he had a good rapport with BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh, who he regarded as his 'guru'.

Savadi said, "It was all a conspiracy in the party to groom a yuvaraja as a chief ministerial candidate", obliquely referring to former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, who was said to be responsible for the party denying Savadi the ticket. "If he (Yediyurappa) terms former CM HD Kumaraswamy refusing to hand him over power in the coalition government in 2007, then I too was betrayed by the party that denied me the ticket. Yediyurappa, Jagadish Shettar and KS Eshwarappa promised me the Athani ticket in 2019," he said while joining Congress.

He resigned from the primary membership of the party and also quit as MLC on Friday after holding deliberations with AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah and KPCC president DK Shivakumar.

Former deputy CM and BJP leader Laxman Savadi gestures after joining Congress, as KPCC president DK Shivakumar looks on, in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

"It is a historic day that rewrites the political equation to build and rebuild Brand Karnataka. It is a day of new beginnings. Through his contribution as a legislator, DCM and MLC, Savadi built a reputation for himself. The decision was not easy and I will commend his bravery," Surjewala said.

Earlier, Siddaramaiah said Savadi will be given the ticket to contest from Athani. In the 2018 Assembly polls, Savadi lost to Mahesh Kumatalli, who is the BJP candidate from the constituency this time. Kumatalli, who was then in Congress, was among 17 Congress and JDS MLAs who brought down the Congress-JDS alliance government led by then CM Kumaraswamy and helped BJP form the government in 2019. Along with Savadi, former minister Shashikanth Naik and Banajiga Veerashaiva Lingayat community leader Shankargouda too joined Congress. **P4**

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# Siddaramaiah may have dropped Kolar plan

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru

CONGRESS Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah, who was nursing the idea of contesting from Kolar apart from his pocket borough Varuna, may give up Kolar. He took the decision after meeting his well-wishers, including KJ George and Byrati Suresh, who suggested that Varuna is a safe seat for him and it is not necessary to contest from Kolar, sources close to Siddaramaiah said. He was also told that contesting from two seats is counterproductive and would send a wrong message to the electorate. **P4**

# No ticket for Bhavani, JDS worker gets Hassan

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE** @ Bengaluru/Hassan

THE JDS announced its second list of 50 candidates for the Assembly polls on Friday. Party worker Swaroop Prakash was announced as the candidate from the Hassan constituency, where former minister HD Revanna was firm on fielding his wife, Bhavani. Interestingly, Revanna announced Prakash's name, saying all he wants is to see his brother HD Kumaraswamy as the next CM. Meanwhile, JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda assured Bhavani a ticket from the Chamaraja seat in Mysuru. **P4**

### SOMASHEKAR RESIGNS FROM BJP

B Somashekar, who was denied a BJP ticket from Malavalli, resigned from the party on Ambedkar Jayanti on Friday, alleging that he chose the day to show that BJP is "unfair to Scheduled Castes". Somashekar said he felt "discriminated against" within BJP because of rampant casteism. He said he was made a scapegoat because of his poor showing in Malavalli in 2018, but that was due to a surreptitious understanding between JDS and some elements within BJP. **P4**

# PM to address Buddhist meet; Dalai a day later?

**YESHI SELI** @New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will address the two-day Global Buddhist Summit in Delhi next week, where top Buddhist scholars and practitioners from across the globe will participate. The Dalai Lama is expected to attend the event on the second day, but there is no confirmation yet on his participation.

The Summit will be held on April 20 and 21 and will focus on the Buddhist way of dealing with the challenges the world faces today.

There is a lot of curiosity around the Dalai Lama's participation, especially after the controversy around a video showing his interaction with a boy.

Sources said the Dalai Lama's participation will be subject to his health condition. "Since he is senior in age, his mobility is restricted and he needs assistance. There is a lot of security around him. It is for these reasons that a confirmation on his attendance hasn't been received yet," said sources.

Among the keynote speakers of the Summit is Prof Robert Thurman, a leading American expert on Buddhism. He was awarded the Padma Shri in 2020 for his work on discovering India's ancient Buddhist heritage.

Meanwhile, the Tibetian Parliament in exile on Friday alleged that China is behind the viral video and vilification campaign against the Dalai Lama.

# Rao: Criminals pawns in hands of netas, cops

**BALA CHAUHAN** @ Bengaluru

A new entrant, not only to his party but also to politics, the former Indian Police Service (IPS) officer and Bengaluru city police commissioner Bhaskar Rao said that crime is closely linked to "poverty, ignorance and lack of opportunities," while speaking about Chamarajpet - the constituency from where the BJP has fielded him against Congress MLA BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan. The latter has represented the constituency four times since 2005.

In police records, Chamarajpet is considered the underbelly of crime with history sheeter 'Silent' Sunil, who was aspiring to be the BJP candidate from the constituency, leading a protest after he was cold shouldered by the saffron party.

Rao had stirred a controversy when he recently said he was open to the idea of seeking Sunil's support.

"It is bourgeois thinking to label people as rowdies. History sheeters are products of their environment and go on to become pawns in the hands of politicians and police. One must see the state of Chamarajpet. There is poverty, squalor, filth, garbage, lack of education and health opportunities. The drains are clogged and children suffer from malnutrition. In the absence of education and opportunities, it is natural that some people resort to crime and graduate to become history sheeters," said the former top cop-turned-politician. He explained how first-time offenders become hardened rowdies, and are "beholden" to politicians and police for 'help' received.

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**TALKING HEADS**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Sonia Gandhi and NCP founder Sharad Pawar during the birth anniversary celebrations of Dr B R Ambedkar, at Parliament House complex, in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

**EXPRESS READ**

### 11, including 5 children, lose lives in 2 separate road mishaps

TUMAKURU/KODAGU: Eleven people lost their lives in two separate road accidents on Friday. In the first case, a private bus bound for Tumakuru ploughed through the median on NH-48 near Hirehalli, and rammed an SUV coming in the opposite direction, killing five persons, including two children. In another accident, on the Kodagu-Dakshina Kannada border, an eight-month-old infant, two children and three adults were killed in an accident on Friday evening. The family was travelling in a car from Kodagu to Sri Kukke Subramanya Temple, when the vehicle collided with a KSRTC Bus on NH275 near Sampaje. **P3**

### Tackling garbage: All vehicles must now pay to enter Nagarahole

MADIKERI: Not just inter-state, now even intra- and inter-district vehicles, will have to pay an entry fee at the forest gates of Nagarahole in Kodagu. The forest department took this step to put an end to rampant dumping of garbage and littering in forest areas in the district. Kodagu Chief Conservator of Forests Murthy BNN pointed out that it had become a herculean task for the department to control littering and dumping of garbage on forest fringes. **P5**

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MOVIE MAGIC

# *After 33 years, film posters reappear in Srinagar*

**FAYAZ WANI** @ Srinagar

MOVIE posters defacing public property are an eyesore across the country, but in Srinagar they are a novelty. A whole generation in J&K didn't get to experience them since the outbreak of militancy in 1990.

Poster culture made a comeback here with Hindi film *Bholaa* and immediately became a talking point. They can be seen on Boulevard Road on Dal Lake, near the Tourist Reception Centre, and other areas in uptown Srinagar. Boulevard Road is a beehive of tourist activity. *Bholaa* is being screened at the INOX multiplex, which was opened in September last, bringing cinema back to Kashmir after 33 years.

Javed Ahmed, who is pursuing his post graduation from the University of Kashmir, said it is for the first time in his life that he has seen movie posters in Kashmir. "Although I am not a big movie lover, posters will help people get updates on the movies being screened at the multiplex. It can also draw tourists," he opined.

Movie posters back in Srinagar after over 30 years | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

A tourist who did not want to be identified, remarked that the posters suggest the Valley, too, has movie lovers. "During our earlier visits here, we used to wonder how people spent their spare time without cinema," he said.

Abdul Aziz, a senior citizen, was nostalgic about the reappearance of the posters after 33 years. "Before the eruption of militancy, big movie posters of actors used to be plastered across the walls," he recalled.

The INOX multiplex, owned by prominent Kashmiri Pandit Vijay Dhar, has three movie halls with a seating capacity of 522. It is located at the highly secure Shivpora area of uptown Srinagar. In 1999, an abortive attempt was made to reopen cinema theatres.

ALMANAC TODAY
Saturday: 15/04/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Uttharayana • Ritu: Vasantha • Masa: Chaitra • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dasami 7.23 pm • Nakshatra: Shravana 6.23 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 34°C
FORECAST Cloudy

Sunrise 6.07 am
Sunset 6.32 pm
Moonrise 2.24 am
Moonset 2.09 pm

# NO PLACE TO PLAY FOR SPECIAL KIDS AT CUBBON

## Inaugurated in June, but work still continues at play area

NAMRATA SINDWANI @ Bengaluru

THE doors of Karnataka's first exclusive disabled-friendly park have remained shut to the children ever since it was inaugurated at Cubbon Park in June last year.

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot had inaugurated the park at Jawaharlal Bal Bhavan in association with Mindtree and Bal Bhavan Society to give specially-abled children in the city a designated place to play in a lush green park.

During its inauguration, specially-abled kids were seen playing on the swings and enjoying themselves in various zones for physical, mental, therapeutic, leisure and touch-and-feel activities. Chikkama Basavaraj, ex-chairperson, Bal Bhavan Society, told *TNIE* that the park has not been opened for because of some ongoing flooring and work.

PIC FOR REPRESENTATION

Since the project was done in collaboration with Smart City Bengaluru Limited, they also have to complete some finishing works including the train station surroundings, which is expected to be done this month.

Mahendra Pyati, trustee, NAV Prabhuti Trust, explained that the sensory park is one-of-its-kind in the state. It had a lot of potential for the specially-abled children, which can provide them a designated space to spend time outdoors. Once the park opens, the authorities must ensure that the staff is trained to handle the children and special camps should be organised for engaging them in other activities as well.

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai pays homage to Dr BR Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary in front of Vidhana Soudha on Friday | EXPRESS

# Ambedkar's ideas still relevant today: BCU V-C

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU City University (BCU) Vice-Chancellor Prof Lingaraja Gandhi said that Dr BR Ambedkar's ideas of equal rights for women, in particular, are still relevant in this day and age. Speaking at the Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations organised by BCU on Friday, Prof Gandhi said, "Ambedkar has asserted that democracy becomes meaningful only when the goal of social, economic and political equality is achieved for every citizen. His economic thoughts with a special emphasis on women's equality are still very relevant today."

Meanwhile, student organisations also took the opportunity to celebrate Dr Ambedkar's birthday. The Karnataka branch of the All India Student Association (AISA) highlighted a report, collectively put together by AISA, the All India Lawyer's Association for Justice (AILAJ) and the All India Progressive Women's Association (AIPWA), on atrocities against Dalits in Haveri.

The report particularly focuses on several cases of violence against Dalits in March 2023 at Nandihalli village in Haveri, for attempting to participate in Basaveshwara Jatre. They had been allegedly subjected to violence from casteist slurs to sexual abuse and arson, following which a complaint had been filed against the perpetrators. However, according to the report, no compensation or allowances had been issued to the affected, as accorded by the Atrocities Act, 1989.

"All in all, there is a systemic breakdown of law, and rampant violations of the rights of the Dalit community in Nandihalli, and more broadly, in the Haveri district. Constitutional promises of right to life, liberty and dignity of the Dalit community under Article 21 have been squandered. Their rights guaranteed through Articles 15 and 17, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of caste, and abolished untouchability have been violated," the report stated.

# 'Millets lost out in favour of rice and wheat'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNIVERSITY of Agricultural Science (UAS) Vice-Chancellor Dr S V Suresh said that cereals play a vital role in addressing food security, nutrition and health.

He was speaking at the first-ever millet-themed walkathon 'Our Walk Towards Cereals' organised by UAS on Friday, to commemorate 2023 being deemed the International Year of Millets. Over 600 students and faculty took part in the walkathon through the UAS campus. "For the past 50 years, these grains have been neglected during droughts to develop more crops like rice and wheat. But now, the world is facing an agricultural crisis, climate change and malnutrition. Cereals play a vital role in addressing food, nutrition and health security, which has led to the awarding of cereals as the 'smart food of the future'. Cereals are known as 'miracle grains' as they can withstand high temperatures compared to other crops," said Dr Suresh.

The UAS V-C said that the cereal would be able to help alleviate malnutrition in around 20 per cent of the Indian population, especially aiding is providing people with much-needed basic nutrients like amino acids, minerals and vitamins, including magnesium, copper and phosphorus.

He also said it aids in ensuring that people suffering from high blood pressure, heart-related problems and type-2 diabetes also benefit from the cereal.

ASSEMBLY POLLS 2023 DECIDE

### AAP holds bike rally to mark Ambedkar Jayanti

BENGALURU: AAP Chickpet candidate and Supreme Court advocate Brijesh Kalappa, AAP leaders Mukhyamantri Chandru, Sushma Veer and others led a massive motorcycle rally in an open-top SUV through Chickpet, City Market, Chamarajpet, Sunkenahalli, VV Puram, Hombegowda Nagar, Siddapura and Sudhamanagar on Ambedkar Jayanti. The leaders paid their respects to the architect of the Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar. AAP, which was given a national party status recently, also launched their party office on Sajjan Rao Circle. The message from the leaders was simple: Unite and vote AAP to end corruption. ENS

# Will win and clean up Chamarajpet: Bhaskar Rao

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"A person is arrested after he commits a crime and sent to jail. He comes out with money power, which has strings attached. Politicians utilise the police to apply bailable conditions against him. He comes out beholden to the two; commits more crime till he gains proficiency. He then starts recruiting vulnerable youth and soon, neighbourhoods turn into breeding grounds of crime," he said.

Rao charged the incumbent Chamarajpet MLA with using money as bait to lure the poor. "Distributing currency notes randomly is not the answer to people's problems. Instead, provide people with better living conditions. The corporation gives substantial amounts every year for the development of the constituency. Where has it been spent in Chamarajpet? Corruption is a menace. Sanitation in Chamarajpet is pathetic and ghettoisation of slums is getting worse. People sleep near the drains, high on cheap liquor or substance," he added.

Rao said he is confident of winning. "On priority, I will clean up my constituency and provide people with better educational, sanitary and health facilities. The young have aspirations, but no avenues to achieve them. We need strong administration, political will and a strong broom to clean the muck. Else, the underbelly of crime will get bigger and the poor and the ignorant will continue to get exploited," he added. Chamarajpet Assembly constituency has seven wards -- JJ Nagar, Rayapuram, Padarayanapura, Chamarajpet, KR Market, Chalavadipalya and Azadnagar. Muslims constitute the majority of the population (around 45%) followed by Christians, Dalits and others.

# CAN CONG BREAK THE JINX IN KR NAGAR?

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

KRISHNARAJA Nagar (KR Nagar) assembly segment is once again set to witness a tight fight between the JDS and Congress. After winning by a slender margin of less than 1,800 votes in the previous election,

MLA Sa Ra Mahesh is making sincere efforts to ensure a fourth victory. Congress candidate Ravishankar, too, is leaving no stone unturned to score a win this time.

Krishnaraja Nagar constituency, which has over 2.10 lakh voters, is the turf of the JDS leader, who achieved a hat-trick here. Though the Congress has managed to give him a tough fight, it has failed to grab hold of the constituency in a region considered a stronghold of the Janata Dal (Secular), and dominated by Vokkaliga leaders.

Mahesh, who is credited with bringing various welfare programmes to the taluk, and spending MLA funds freely for the development of the constituency, became the local leader next door. Easily accessible to his constituents and responsive to people's grievances made him popular, and he was also made tourism minister during the reign of the JDS-Congress coalition government in 2018.

However, there is slight anti-incumbency buildup against him, as his name surfaced in a lake encroachment case, as alleged by former Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri. His public spat with the IAS officer and the episodes that following earned him a bad name, though the report submitted in the case went in his favour.

Meanwhile, Congress candidate Ravishankar, a close aide of Siddaramaiah, is preparing to give Mahesh a a tough fight, as he had done in the previous election, having closed the gap between them to just around 1,800 votes. Congress leaders are expected to pitch tent in and around the constituency to campaign in his favour to ensure his victory this time. If a combination of factors plays out right, it could just get him the seat.

The BJP, though a silent player in the constituency, can this time spoil the game plan of both parties as saffron party candidate Venkatesh Hosahalli has been successful in reaching out to booth level workers to increase its voter base.

PULSE-O-METER
KR NAGAR
2018 ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULT

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| Sa Ra Mahesh | 85,011 | VOTES |
| Ravishankar | 83,232 | VOTES |

# Summer polls may hit hospitality biz

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

INDEED, elections are a thrill to political parties and candidates who work overtime to win over the electorate. However, the elaborate exercise has become a worry for stakeholders in the hospitality sector as they anticipate drop in tourist footfall once the election campaigning peaks.

With the tagline — One State Many Worlds — the state tourism department has attracted more than eight million tourists in recent years, directly contributing to the hospitality industry. Festivals like Dasara and and other Utsavs also draw tourists to the state.

The state has several destinations like Mysuru, Hampi, Belur, Badami, Kabini, Nandi Hills, Kodagu, and several popular beaches which are go-to spots for tourists. Though, the industry has not fully recovered from the pandemic shock, the polls in summer are likely to affect it yet again.

Hoteliers and travel operators had anticipated a jackpot in the next two months of summer vacations. But, the notification of the elections, implementation of moral code of conduct, strict screening of vehicles and frisking at checkpoints have turned out to be a concern for stakeholders.

To keep a tab on the movement of cash and other material used to lure voters, the Mysuru district administration has set up several checkposts to screen the vehicles. To avoid such inconvenience, people prefer other states for travel.

Hotel Owners Association president Narayana Gowda said the occupancy would have been over 50 per cent by now. "Mysuru registers highest tourist flow between April 10 and June 10. The elections may force tourists to cancel their plans to poll-bound Karnataka," he said.

Lokesh, a travel agent, said the flow of tourists is likely to come down drastically once the campaigning peaks. Karnataka's loss will be Kerala's and Tamil Nadu's gain, he added.

Handicrafts vendors will also feel the pinch if the tourism industry is hit. However, the brightside is that the elections and results will get over by May 13, giving at least two weeks to the sector to regain lost ground.

### 28 first-time transgender voters enrolled in B'luru Rural

BENGALURU: Bengaluru-based NGO Samara has found 28 first-time transgender voters and got them enrolled into the new voter list before April 10. Venkatesh, coordinator of the NGO, which deals with rights of transgenders and sexual minorities, said for the last few months, details of the transgender community have been listed out. They have also been helped in registering on the ECI portal. "We held an awareness programme on the importance of voting and how even the transgender community can take part in the democratic process," said Venkatesh. He added that in the 2013 and 2018 Assembly polls, there were 75 transgender voters in Bengaluru Rural, and now, 28 more will be added. ENS

# Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

**15th April: Today is special to Saturn, a favourite planet of many writers. Traditionally it rules 'melancholy', a state of mind which leads us to serious and often solitary activities, and sometimes great spiritual awareness. Some astrologers say that mystics, hermits and seekers after enlightenment are Saturnine people. If this includes you, then today is your day!**

**ARIES** (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
The most satisfying way to spend your time is by following your favourite hobby, especially if it's practical, and particularly if it offers you the chance to potter around by yourself! The best relationships are based around shared interests rather than raw passion.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21 - May 21)
You may give extra-special attention to relationships with children and younger relations, and seek much-needed improvements - wherever possible. Make the fulfilment of your own unique talents the priority, rather than always doing what other people want.

**GEMINI** (May 22 - June 21)
You may still be pre-occupied with tangled emotions at home, although the general drift seems to be extremely positive. You are easily provoked at the moment, so if partners seem determined to irritate you, take a deep breath before responding.

**CANCER** (June 22 - July 23)
Your mood looks increasingly lively, and your hidden nomadic tendencies may be coming out - so you could be smitten by an attack of wanderlust. However, what is most important at the moment is to explain yourself properly, and banish all misunderstandings.

**LEO** (July 24 - Aug. 23)
It's time for a spot of moderate extravagance, and it's surprising how a few extra treats can lift your morale. You should also be free with your feelings, and avoid placing any financial value on emotional relationships - don't judge other people by how much they earn.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You should be on top form, and this is certainly not time for regrets. The present is the gateway to the future, and the way you handle your personal affairs now will colour your life over the next twelve months. You're creating your future right now - and that's quite a thought.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You may be in a relatively quiet mood today, which means that if you've arranged sociable activities you may be dreaming of being by yourself! By the evening, you should be feeling more on top of things. If there's a lesson, then it's to keep your options open.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may feel that you have been slighted or wronged, but there might not be much that you can do about it. It's far better to turn away from strife and get on with personal ambitions and treasured friendships. The people you need to mix with are those who have stood by you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You have certainly had a lot to put up with, but there is much to be thankful for as well. People who have been rather rough with your feelings should be balanced by those who are helping you to discover your desires. Perhaps the friends you need most are those who can appeal to every side of your personality.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Leave your doubts and qualms to one side and seize all passing chances while you can. You really won't know what you like until you've tried as many different activities and lifestyles as possible. And don't let your beliefs unduly restrict your experiences.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
There seem to be a lot of calls on your resources at the moment, and there may be nothing you can do but to spend your valuable funds. You can, if you wish, go with the stars and exploit the chance to be extravagant. But it's up to you to make sure that every crumb of cash is well-spent.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
The sensitive relationship between Venus and Mars may have brought a resurgence of emotional tension, but it has now passed and you should relax once again. One of the best things you can do is open up more to family relationships, removing all those barriers and emotional defences.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

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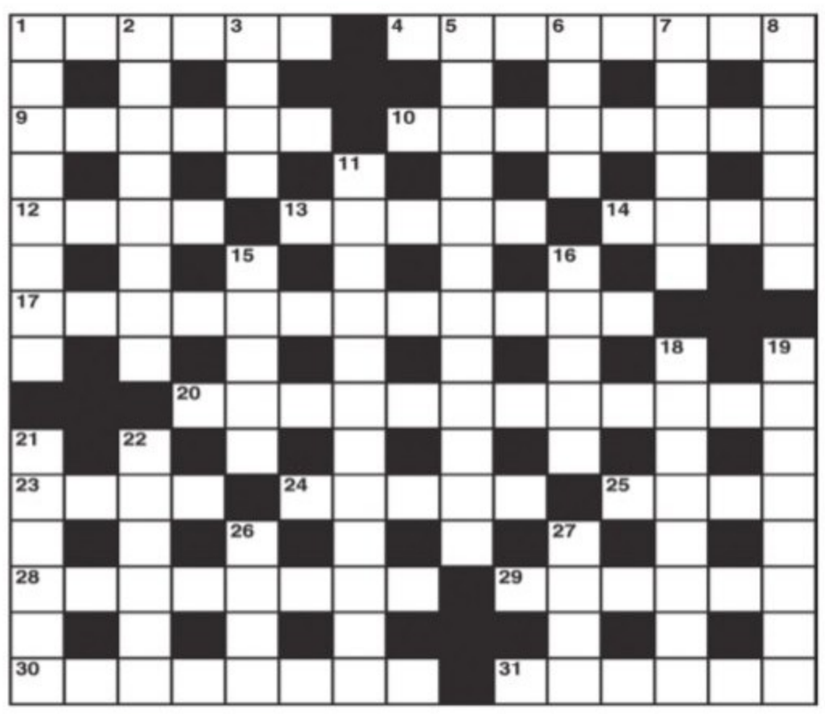

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS**
1 Polish backwater in French Foreign Office? (6)
4 He didn't strike Shakespeare as a sword carrier (8)
9 Fearful sort of cavern (6)
10 Doctor again involved on a point of sanitation (8)
12 Funny people require understanding (4)
13 Cryptic clue about northern relative (5)
14 Kitty and Tom are pleased to do it (4)
17 He's in charge of the school play (6,6)
20 Aware of a rising sea but far from queasy (7,5)
23 Secures - the same numbers of points? (4)
24 He has no settled occupation (5)
25 It makes do that appear indistinct (4)
28 Circular line that goes through the centre (8)
29 Not in a medley race (6)
30 A doubter disposed to be stubborn (8)
31 Bans untidy beards (6)

**DOWN**
1 A wave of reaction (8)
2 Response concerning the deed (8)
3 A chance to offer support (4)
5 A quality we don't bother to show (12)
6 I go into bat at the end of the line (4)
7 You can count on it being at the top of a column (6)
8 Gloomy doctor having a bad year (6)
11 The problem of depression? (12)
15 Too high a price to be on the level (5)
16 Five Irish poems (5)
18 A lemon is an ingredient in making pasta (8)
19 The basics in meteorology (8)
21 Just the place for shooting stars (6)
22 A trying delay (6)
26 Shakespearean king or earl maybe (4)
27 Secure top of foresail in rough sea (4)

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS**

**Across:** 1 Score, 4 Warfare, 8 Elf, 9 Telephone, 10 Violate, 11 Opals, 13 Shorts, 15 Offend, 18 Purse, 19 Mission, 21 Carpenter, 23 Ice, 24 Summary, 25 Mason.

**Down:** 1 Sheaves, 2 Off-colour, 3 Extra, 4 Wallet, 5 Rips off, 6 Ado, 7 Evens, 12 Aperitifs, 14 Theresa, 16 Dungeon, 17 Smithy, 18 Pacts, 20 Scrum, 22 Rum.

## JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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SCAAUB

We should find plenty of water below.
We need to just keep digging.
THERE'S ICE BELOW THE SURFACE AT SOME LOCATIONS ON MARS THAT MAY ONE DAY ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HURRY AUDIO UNWISE FACADE
Answer: When asked if he was certain his right angles were 90 degrees, the square said — "FOUR" SURE

In a hit-and-run case, a 46-year-old techie, Amit Bhargav, died on the spot in Bellandur on Friday. The victim, who was from Haryana, was returning home after work when his two-wheeler was hit by a speeding car around 12:30am near a private college on the Kasavanahalli main road. The car driver fled the spot without attending to the victim

# Student falls off bus, dies; friends blame crew

ENS @ Davangere

Shweta Shanthappanavar, a first semester student of Government Engineering College, in Huligudda, died of severe head injuries after falling off a moving Vijayanagara-Ranebennur bus on Wednesday morning. She succumbed to the injuries at a Davangere hospital.

The victim, who was a resident of Holalu village, Huvina Hadagali taluk, Vijayanagara district, stayed at a hostel and regularly took KSRTC buses to her college.

Shweta requested the bus driver and conductor to stop. When the bus slowed down near a hump outside the college, the bus crew requested Shwetha to deboard. Assuming the bus has slowed down, she tried to deboard but fell down when the bus moved suddenly. Her fellow students alleged that Shweta jumped out of the bus fearing she might miss her classes.

Shweta was shifted to a private hospital at Davanagere, where she succumbed to her injuries around 5 pm on Wednesday.

Holding the bus crew responsible, students staged a protest and sought action against the driver and conductor. The students withdrew the protest following assurance from tahsildar K Sharanamma. He also said that an FIR has been filed with Hadagali police station. Haveri divisional traffic officer Ashok Patil said, "We will take disciplinary action against the bus driver and conductor on Saturday."

(Left) The mangled remains of the car which rammed a KSRTC bus near Sampaje on the Kodagu-Dakshina Kannada border on Friday. (Above) The SUV was completely damaged when a private bus rammed it on NH-48 near Hirehalli | EXPRESS

# 11 killed in two accidents

## Six dead as car rams KSRTC bus; Five perish as bus hits SUV

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri/Tumakuru

ELEVEN people, including an infant, were killed in two separate accidents in Karnataka on Friday. Six people, including an infant, were killed when their car collided with a KSRTC bus on NH-275 near Sampaje on the Kodagu-Dakshina Kannada border on Friday evening. Two others sustained grievous injuries. The impact of the collision was such that the car went partially under the bus.

The family from Mandya was on their way to Sri Kukke Subramanya Temple via Kodagu. The deceased have been identified as Kumara (35), the driver, Shilpa (29), Yashas Gowda (8), Priyanka (35), Manushree (3) and eight-month-old Nishika. Eight-year-old Biyan Gowda and Manjunath (40) were treated at a hospital in Sulia and shifted to Mangaluru for further treatment. Kumar and Manjunath were friends. The Madikeri Rural police have registered a case.

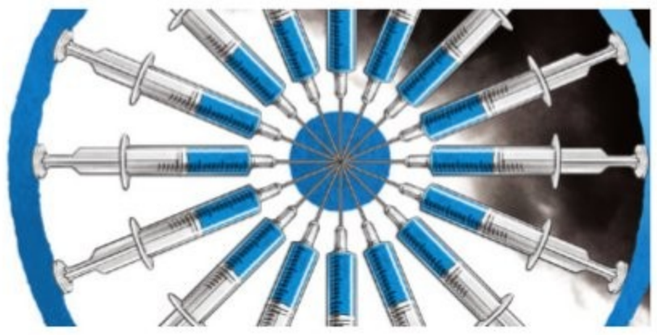
In another tragic mishap, four members of a family and their driver died when a Tumakuru-bound private bus crashed through the road median and rammed an oncoming SUV on NH-48 at Devarahosahalli-Chikkahalli cross near Hirehalli on Friday evening. Seven passengers in the bus were injured, and they have been shifted to the district hospital.

The deceased have been identified as Govinda Nayak (58), his wife Thippamma (52), their grandchildren Dinesh (12) and Pinky (15), residents of Agrahara Dasarahalli of Vijayanagara in Bengaluru, and driver Dinesh (40) of Kunigal. Four of them died on the spot while another succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

Govinda was a manager with the Karnataka State Co-Operative Credit Societies Federation Ltd. The victims were on their way to Bengaluru from their native Jajuru of Challakere taluk in Chitradurga district. Kyathsandra police sub-inspector Murali visited the spot and registered a case.

# As Covid cases go up, health officers demand 1L vax doses

NAMRATA SINDWANI
@ Bengaluru



DISTRICT Health Officers (DHO) in Karnataka have demanded a total of 1 lakh doses of Covid vaccines, amid a surge in cases across India.

Anil Kumar TK, principal secretary, health and family welfare department, said DHOs from across the state have seen a demand for vaccines, with the rise in Covid cases lately. In the last week of March, they communicated to the health department to procure vaccines from the Union health ministry.

Kumar said since Covishield and Covaxin stocks are currently unavailable, the state is demanding that Corbevax be procured in the coming days, with necessary permissions from the Election Commission (EC) since the Model Code of Conduct is in force in the state.

The DHO of Hassan said compared to the past few months, the demand for vaccines has increased slightly. For a long period, people appeared completely disinterested in taking vaccines or getting testing for Covid in case they were symptomatic. Lately, they are getting a few calls enquiring about the availability of vaccines, he said.

Dr Suchetha, medical officer at the Public Health Centre (PHC) in Malleswaram, said there is a slight increase in demand, with a majority of people planning to travel in the near future coming forward to get vaccinated. She said the fear of Covid has vanished and most people are reluctant to take a booster dose or get tested for Covid.

A member of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) explained that procuring vaccines is a complicated process and depends on demand. They cannot be manufactured and procured easily. Production depends on demand, or much of the stock expires since people are not coming forward to get vaccinated in large numbers.

### Covid Figures

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|---|---|
| 1,772 Active cases in Karnataka | 418 New cases |
| 1,019 Active cases in Bengaluru | 16,496 Total tests conducted |
| 2.53% Positivity rate | ZERO Covid deaths |

(As on April 14)

## CRIME PATROL

### Police recover fake paint worth ₹20 lakh, 1 held

Bengaluru: The VV Puram police of the South police division raided a paint manufacturing factory on Hessaraghatta main road and Shivakote and recovered fake Asian Paints worth around Rs 20 lakh. The arrested has been booked for the violation of the Copyright Act. The police were tipped off about the sale of fake Asian Paints on the 4th cross of NT Pet on Tuesday. They arrested Chunnilal while he was trying to sell the counterfeits and also recovered a mini truck in which he stored it. Based on his information, the police raided two other places and recovered fake paints worth around Rs 20 lakh. Further investigations are on.

### ₹54.2 lakh seized by election officials

Bengaluru: The city police and the flying squad and static surveillance team deputed at election check posts have seized around Rs 54.2 lakh in cash from Basavanagudi and JP Nagar. The cash was seized as the suspects failed to produce any documents. The officials in Basavanagudi area seized Rs 18 lakh in cash around 11 pm on Thursday in the car driven by Rishab. In the incident reported from JP Nagar, the officials seized Rs 36.20 in cash on Thursday around 3 pm from the car driven by Darshan. It is illegal to carry large sums of money without valid documents when the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) is in place due to the Karnataka Assembly elections.

### Parking row, two arrested for killing roomie

Bengaluru: Two men from West Bengal, Abu Sulaiman Mandal (29) and Rizwan Rehaman Laskar (26), who had escaped after killing their roommate, Janardhan Bhat (29), a native of Udupi, over parking space, were arrested by the Yelahanka police. The accused tied the victim's hands and legs and suffocated him to death using duct tape on March 30. "The victim had parked his bike at the available space. However, the accused insisted that he remove his bike as they used to park there earlier. When the victim refused, the accused killed him and escaped to their hometown. The police arrested the accused from West Bengal," said an officer part of investigations.


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CIAL/COMMN/BS/02 **TENDER NOTICE** 15/04/2023

Item rate E-tenders are invited from reputed contractors for the Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 12 nos. of Full Body Scanners at Cochin International Airport.

| Name of Work | Estimate Amount | EMD | Completion Period | Tender Submission Fee |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| SITC of 12 nos. of Full Body Scanners at CIAL. | Rs. 36.33 Crores (Inclusive of customs duty & GST) | Rs. 10 Lakhs | 6 months | Rs. 11,800/- (Incl. of GST) |

Interested firms may register themselves on the online E-Tendering portal https://etenders.kerala.gov.in and then download the Tender documents. Sd/-
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MCC/42/2023-P2-GAD **TENDER NOTICE** 13/04/2023

Competitive e-Tenders/Re-Tenders (Two cover systems) are invited from established manufacturers/authorized suppliers through www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.mcc.kerala.gov.in for the supply of the following items in Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery.

| Sl. No | Item Details | Tender ID |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Outsourcing High Resolution HLA Typing | 2023_MCC_563637_2 |
| 2 | Pneumatic Tourniquet (01 No) | 2022_MCC_534963_5 |
| 3 | Anaesthesia Workstation (01 No) | 2023_MCC_571420_1 |
| 4 | Platelet Agitator (01 No) | 2022_MCC_529623_2 |
| 5 | Body Warmer (03 Nos) | 2022_MCC_534374_3 |
| 6 | Rice cooker | MCC/290/2022-P2-GAD |
| 7 | Laryngoscopes (Adult & Pediatric) | MCC/547/2022-P2-GAD |

For details visit: www.mcc.kerala.gov.in or contact Purchase Division. Sd/- Director

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**Regd Office:** No. 21, Pattulos Road, Chennai - 600 002.
**Corporate Office:** Sundaram Towers, No. 46, Whites Road, Chennai-600014. Ph: 044-2851 5267
**Branch:** No. 295, 2nd Floor, Silver Square, White Field Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 066. Phone: 080 - 2845 0035.

**SALE NOTICE**

**1. Mr. Pradeep Kumar J.** No. 212/1, Mallappa Layout, Vijgendra Garden, Babusapalaya, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore – 560043.
**2. Mr. Pradeep Kumar J.** 9th floor, WTC-3, Bagamane World Technology Centre, Mahadevaparua, K.R. Puram Outer Ring Road, Bangalore – 560048. **3. Mr. Pradeep Kumar J.** Katha No.9, Bank Avenue, Horamavu Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore – 560043. **4. Mrs. Someya M,** No.212/1 Mallappa Layout, Vijgendra Garden, Babusapalaya, Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore – 560043. **5. Mrs. Someya M,** No.116, 2nd Floor, Rayan Arcade, 1st Stage, 1st Block, HBR Layout, Bangalore – 560043

Dear Sir / Madam,

Sub: - Sale by way of Private Treaty in **"as is where is" and "as is what is" basis** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act)

Ref: **Loan Account No. 82700103** – Regd: Offer received for Purchase of Secured Asset / Mortgaged Property bearing "All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No.405, on the Fourth Floor of the apartment building Known as **"SHRI BALAJI CLASSIC"**, having a super built up area of 1140 Square Feet containing Two Bedrooms, together with one. covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lift room, lobbies, staircase etc., together with 263 Square Feet undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "I" Property, with other specifications.

The Authorized Officer of **Sundaram Home Finance Limited** (formerly known as Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance Limited) the Secured Creditor, had issued Demand Notice dated 01.02.2014 to all of you mentioned herein under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the "Act"), calling upon you to repay the entire dues/discharge the loan liability in full within the period stipulated therein. As you failed and neglected to comply with the said Demand notice within the period stipulated therein, the Authorized Officer has taken possession of the Mortgaged Property/Secured Asset as mentioned in the Schedule herein under Section 13 (4) of the Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, on 16.02.2015.

The Authorized Officer in consultation with the Secured Creditor i.e., Sundaram Home Finance Limited has fixed the reserve price and the Authorised Officer of Sundaram Home Finance Limited, had issued notice/s to you in terms of the provisions of Sub Rule 6 of Rule 8 of the Act. The Authorized Officer had also published Sale Notice/s and taken steps in furtherance for sale of the Secured Asset/Immovable Property mentioned in the Schedule herein as per the provisions of the SARFAESI Act and the Rules framed thereunder. Though a prospective purchaser was intended to purchase due to trespass by some third party, the sale was dropped. You have also not repaid the entire outstanding dues nor identified any buyer to purchase the said Secured Asset mentioned in the "Schedule" herein till date.

Now, you are hereby called upon to pay within 15 days from the date of receipt of this Notice Rs. 82,46,659/- (Rupees Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine Only) entire outstanding as on 14/04/2023, together with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., incurred up to the date of payment or realisation thereof from 16/04/2023 till payment and redeem the mortgage in which event, possession of the Mortgaged Property/Secured Asset in question shall be restored to you.

We would also like to invite your attention to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the Secured Assets. In the event you fail or neglect to pay the entire amount as mentioned above within 15 days from the date of this notice, the Authorized Officer of Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., shall proceed to sell the Mortgage Property/Secured Asset which is more fully described in the Schedule mentioned herein, by entering a "Private Treaty" with the Prospective buyer / Proposed Auction Purchaser.

Accordingly, the Authorised Officer now intends to sell the said Secured Asset/Immovable Property by way of "Private Treaty", as the Authorised Officer has recently received an offer for a sum of Rs.28,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Only) from a prospective purchaser who has evinced interest in purchasing the said Secured Asset/Immovable Property on "as is where is" and "as is what is" basis / condition.

The Authorised Officer of **Sundaram Home Finance Limited** Shall finalise the sale of the Mortgaged Property/Secured Asset in question to the prospective buyer at the aforesaid offer, in the event of your failure to settle the entire Outstanding amount as mentioned above within 15 days from the date of receipt of this Sale notice.

You may also note in your own interest, to provide or cause to provide offers from the parties who are interested in buying the said Secured Asset/Immovable Property at a price higher than that of the aforesaid offer already received by the Authorised Officer, to reach the undersigned positively within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this communication.

In the event of the offer getting accepted, you/the offeror(s) [as the case may be] shall be required to pay the entire offer amount upfront by way of a "Pay Order" or "Demand Draft" drawn on a scheduled Bank issued in favour of Sundaram Home Finance Limited, payable at par, within 15 days from the date of acceptance of the offer by Sundaram Home Finance Limited.

Please note that this communication should not be construed as constituting any commitment on the part of **Sundaram Home Finance Ltd.,** or any of its Officers/Authorised Officer to accept the offer(s) brought in by you or given at your instance and that Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., reserves its right to reject any or all of them without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Further, please take a note that in case if you fail or neglect to provide or cause to provide any firm and valid offer(s) for the Secured Asset/Immovable Property within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of receipt of this letter, Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., shall finalise the sale of the Mortgaged Property/Secured Asset in question to the prospective buyer at the aforesaid offer received.

Wherefore the proceeds of such sale does not cover the entire outstanding dues of **Sundaram Home Finance Ltd.,** together with further interest thereon, cost, charges, expenses, etc., incurred on that account till the date of payment and or realisation thereof, then, you shall be liable to pay the amount that falls short of the total dues as and when demanded by Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., further please make a note that in the event of your failure to pay the shortfall to Sundaram Home Finance Ltd., then it reserves its right to proceed against you for recovery of the shortfall as per the laws of the land. This Notice is issued to you in terms of the provisions of Sub Rule 6 of Rule 8 of the above Rules.

**SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY: SCHEDULE "1":** All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing present BBMP Katha No.9, comprise in converted Survey No.121/2 (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing number ALN.(E)SR.(KH)64/2010-11, dated 16/09/2010, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Horamavu Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 99 Feet and North to South 89 Feet totally measuring about 8811 Square Feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and same is **bounded on:** East by: Property belongs to Ankanna Reddy, West by: Road, North by: House Property belonging to the owner herein in the same survey number and road & property belonging to Sushelamma & Rathnamma, South by: Property belonging to T. Venkataswamy Reddy.

**SCHEDULE "2":** Flat bearing No.405, on the Fourth Floor of the apartment building Known as "SHRI BALAJI CLASSIC", having a super built up area of 1140 Square Feet containing Two Bedrooms, together with one. covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lift Room, Lobbies, Staircase etc., together with 263 Square Feet undivided share of the land comprised in Schedule "1" Property, with other specifications.

**Date: 14-04-2023** for SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LTD., AUTHORISED OFFICER

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IIIT, Nagpur invites applications from the Indian Nationals for filling up **7 Non-Teaching Positions** through Direct Recruitment.

The details of the posts, required qualifications & experience along with other relevant information are available on the Institute Website **www.iiitn.ac.in.**

**The applications are to be filled ONLINE through the Recruitment Portal of the Institute. The last date for submission of Online Application is 08/05/2023 up to 2 PM.**

The printout of the Online Application along with relevant supporting documents and application fee (as applicable) is required to be sent by Registered Post / Speed Post / Courier/ Hand Delivery so as to reach the Institute by **15/05/2023 up to 2.00 PM.**

The decision of the Director, IIIT, Nagpur shall be final in all respect.

**DIRECTOR**

**SRI MAHAGANAPATHI SOUHARDA PATTINA SAHAKARI NIYAMITHA**
**No.38/2, "Sri Rama Krupa", N.A.T. Street, Bull Temple Road Cross, Basavanagudi, Bangalore-560004, Ph : 22422318/19, E mail: srimahaganapathisouharda@gmail.com**

**E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE**

Where as the Bank acting through its Chief Executive Officer / Authorised Officer, in exercise of its powers under Section 13(4) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI) has decided to put up for E-Auction the Schedule property for realization of the debts due to the Bank, upon the following terms and conditions:

**Conditions of E-Auction**

a) E-Auction is being on **"As is where is" and "What is there is"** and the Bank is not responsible for title, condition or any other fact affecting the property.
b) The E-auction will take place through portal **https://bankauctions.in** at the Date and Time as mentioned below:-
c) The intending tenderer/bidder shall deposit with the Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer an amount equivalent to 10% of reserve price by way of Earnest Money Deposit in the account of, **"Sri Mahaganapathi Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamitha" Basavanagudi Bangalore.** by Demand Draft or NEFT/RTGS to **Current Account No 201001913409 And IFSC Code-INDB0000039)** at the same time bidder has to submit the e-bid form available on https://bankauctions.in/ before the date and time mentioned above and shall obtain written receipt thereof from the branch/ Authorised Officer/ Chief Executive Officer.
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e) The particulars specified in Schedule have been stated to the best of information of the Bank and the Bank will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
f) For the reasons recorded, it shall be in the EMD submitted by bidders and the Bank would not entertain any claim or any representation in that regard from the bidders.
g) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 25% (twenty five percent) of sale price, less EMD deposited immediately and remaining amount shall be paid within 15 days from the date of auction. In case of failure to adhere any payment schedule, the amount paid will be forfeited and Authorise Officer will be at liberty to cancel the auction and conduct fresh auction.
h) On receipt of the entire sale consideration the Authorised Officer shall issue the Sale Certificate and the sale shall be complete thereafter and the Bank shall entertain no claims.
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**1. Name and address of the Borrower and Guarantor/Co-Obligant : 1.Ms. Chayadevi S** D/o Late Srinivasaiah, **2.Mrs. Sharadamma** W/o Late Srinivasaiah, **3.Mr. S Mohan Kumar** S/o Late Srinivasaiah, **All are residing at :** #274, 6th Main, 12th Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560072.

**The secured debt for the recovery of which the movable/immovable secured asset is to be sold : Rs. 33,57,882=00 (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty Two Only) as on 31.03.2022**

**Description of immovable secured assets to be sold :** All the piece and parcel of immovable property bearing No.C/S2, formed in old property bearing No.24 of Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-78, Measuring East to West on the northern side 129 feet and on the southern side 107 feet and North to South on the eastern side 43.10 feet and on the western side 37.6 feet, in all measuring 4513 Sq.ft presently which is within the limits of the Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, ward No.182-Padmanabhanagar and the same is bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Property belonging to Smt. A Shakunthalamma, North by: Property belonging to Smt. A Shakunthalamma, South by: Property belonging to Smt. A Shakunthalamma.

**Reserve Price : Rs.1,25,00,000=00** **EMD : Rs. 12,50,000=00**

**Date & Time of auction : 19.05.2023 at 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM (With 10 min unlimited auto extensions)**
**Last date for submission of EMD & e-Bid Form : On or before 18.05.2023 before 4.30 PM**
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**Contact Persons: Authorised Officer, Ph: 22422318/19 OR**
**Mr. Shivashankar A Mob: 9480401348 (M/s Supreme Enforcement Services)**

**Date: 14.04.2023** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Place: Bangalore** **Sri Mahaganapathi Souharda Pattina Sahakari Niyamitha**

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Enforcement of security interest Action Notice-In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by the following borrowers with in the branches mentioned herein below- classified as NPA We have to inform that you the following borrowers whose name and address [each borrower] and the name of the branches where you have availed the credit facilities offering the properties mentioned herein below. Since you have failed to repay the loan amounts as agreed by you, your following mentioned account/s has/have been classified as Non Performing Assets [NPA] as on the date mentioned herein below. The individual notice has been also already sent to, each of you demanding the due amount, Same notice returned hence this notice.

**1. Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor: 1(a) Mr.Venkatesh, 1(b) Mrs.Nagarathna, 1(c) Mr.Narayanaswamy, All are residing at:** No.48, Geddalahalli, Kothanur post, Bangalore - 560077.

**Amount Outstanding : as on 22.02.2023 Rs.10,77,734.72 (Rupees Ten Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Four and Paisa Seventy Two Only) and Other charges and Expenses.**

**NPA Date : 29.01.2023** **Demand Notice Date : 23.02.2023**

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**NCP PLANS TO FIELD 40-45 CANDIDATES IN K'TAKA POLLS**

The Sharad Pawar-led NCP is planning to contest 40-45 seats in the upcoming Assembly elections. Pawar has summoned a meeting of party leaders in Mumbai on Saturday. The move is also seen as an attempt by the NCP to regain the national party status

● Cong can defeat BJP candidates in both Kagwad and Athani: Experts ● GOP to be stronger in Belagavi

# SAVADI'S CLOUT IN NORTH K'TAKA CAN MAR BJP'S PROSPECTS

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

FORMER deputy chief minister Laxman Savadi's defection to Congress will have a significant impact not only in several Assembly constituencies in North Karnataka but also in other constituencies in the border districts of Maharashtra.

His links, particularly with the voters of the Lingayat-majority constituencies, could hamper BJP's prospects.

Records show that he was instrumental in the victories of BJP candidates in Kagwad, Athani, Sindagi and Basavakalyan.

Political experts said that with him on their side, Congress can drub BJP candidates in both Kagwad and Athani.

Due to his relentless efforts in Athani and Kagwad, the saffron party, from having no presence two decades ago, established its hold on a large number of cooperative organisations and local bodies.

Not only in-charge for several constituencies in Kalaburagi and Vijayapura districts, he was also in-charge of elections in a large number of Assembly segments in neighbouring districts in Maharashtra in the last two Assembly elections. His clout is enviable in Sangli and Kolhapur districts.

Congress leaders including MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar have admitted that his experience would help the Grand Old Party grow stronger in areas in Belagavi district, where it was lagging, said a Congress leader.

Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi's entry in Athani politics and the unity shown by Panchamasali Lingayats during the 2018 elections resulted in Savadi's loss against Mahesh Kumatalli in the 2018 Assembly elections in Athani, by just 2,000 votes. However, as a loyalist, Savadi helped Kumatalli in Athani in 2019 when the latter had defected.

When BS Yediyurappa formed the government, surprisingly Savadi was made deputy chief minister. However, the BJP had been ignoring him ever since Basavaraj Bommai became chief minister, and finally denied him a ticket from Athani after he was promised a ticket by top brass.

Once a star campaigner for BJP in several constituencies, Savadi found himself cornered ahead of the election. To revive his political career, Savadi has taken a timely decision to join the Congress on Friday. According to sources, Congress has accepted all his "conditions".

BJP leader and former deputy chief minister Laxman Savadi joins Congress in the presence of KPCC president DK Shivakumar and AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

## *Bommai sad to see Savadi join Congress*

Bengaluru: Following former deputy CM Laxman Savadi's jump to the Congress, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said he was sad to see such a senior leader leave the BJP. Savadi was upset that the party denied him a ticket from Athani segment in Belagavi. On Savadi's political future in the Congress, the CM said. "It is natural that there are more aspirants for tickets in the ruling party. Some leaders may have left the party to become MLAs, but workers are with BJP," Bommai said. He said leaders quitting the party in hordes would not hamper the party's poll prospects, as the workers are with the BJP. Congress did not have candidates for more than 60 constituencies, and is inducting leaders from other parties, he added. Bommai will be filing his nomination papers in Shiggaon assembly segment in Haveri on Saturday. **ENS**

## *Former DCM to contest from Athani, says Siddu*

Belagavi: Congress Legislature Party leader Siddaramaiah said that the party has decided to field former DCM Laxman Savadi from Athani Assembly constituency against BJP's Mahesh Kumatalli. Speaking in Belagavi on Friday, Siddaramaiah said Savadi has joined unconditionally. "Savadi said he should be respected by the party and that the party should help him develop the Athani region if it forms a government," he said. **ENS**

# Two-front battle for Somanna, can he win over BSY loyalists?

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

HOUSING Minister V Somanna is facing the toughest political battle of his illustrious four-decade-long political career. The party high command has pitted him against AHINDA strongman and former CM Siddaramaiah in the latter's pocket borough of Varuna. The party has also fielded the strong Lingayat leader from Chamarajanagar as well. Somanna, who holds a sway in Bengaluru's Govindaraja Nagar constituency, is not only facing an uphill task in Varuna but also in Chamarajanagar.

The party rank and file in Varuna constituency, who were hoping that BJP state vice-president BY Vijayendra would be the candidate, are unhappy and not enthusiastic to work for any other candidate.

Inspiring them is Somanna's first big challenge. Though he has whipped up a momentum among the Lingayats, steering the dominant SC/STs and smaller communities towards the saffron camp is an onerous task.

Siddaramaiah has nurtured the constituency and is in touch with the leaders and the electorate. For Somanna, the clock is ticking, with less than 25 days before polls across 220 villages. Siddaramaiah is playing his emotional card by announcing that this will be his ultimate poll battle, and has projected himself as the chief ministerial candidate, boosting his chances.

Though Chamarajanagar appears relatively easier for Somanna to handle, there are still hurdles to overcome in a constituency which has been a Congress bastion over the past 15 years. The Chamarajanagar constituency is represented by Uppara community MLA Puttarangashetty, a close confidant of Siddaramaiah.

Though Shetty is battling anti-incumbency, and many Dalit groups have gone against him, on paper, the constituency with a mix of Lingayats, Dalits, Uppara, Kuruba, Muslims, and Christians might give him an edge if there are no cracks in Dalits and STs votes.

Besides bridging the gap with former MLC Mallikarjunappa, Somanna has to mollify other ticket aspirants like Rudresh and Nagashreewho have worked incessantly over the past two years. Former MLA Gurus Swamy's daughter Nagashree held a meeting with her supporters, where she was in tears, and is likely to announce her next political move soon.

With Somanna contesting from two constituencies, he should have his set of leaders and foot soldiers on the field.

# DK brothers' 'Anaka' plan to defeat Ashoka

MOHAMMED YACOOB @Bengaluru

WITH Revenue Minister R Ashoka pitted against KPCC president **DK Shivakumar** in the Kanakapura contest, Shivakumar and his brother DK Suresh have apparently devised a strategy to defeat Ashoka on his home turf, Padmanabhanagar.

The plan drawn up by the 'DK brothers' is called 'Anaka' – comprising Alpasankyaks (minorities), Naidus (Telugu-speaking population) and Kanakapura residents.

Confirming the development, Congress candidate Raghunath Naidu, 59, said that there are 70,000 Telugu-speakers in Padmanabhanagar, and 35,000 Naidus. Besides, there are 36,000 minorities and 15,000-plus Kanakapura residents who are voters in the seat.

"I am just the candidate, the real face is DK Shivakumar, who has himself spoken to the Telugu-speaking voters in Padmanabhanagar," said Naidu.

Naidu had sought a councillor ticket from Padmanabhanagar ward in 2001. In 2018, when it became an Assembly segment, he had sought a ticket, but was given this time. BJP leader NR Ramesh's supporters are upset that Ramesh was denied a ticket, and they have urged him to contest against Ashoka by joining JDS, as they suspect Ashoka was behind Ramesh not getting a ticket from the Jayanagar Assembly seat. With hundreds of leaders resigning from BJP in South Bengaluru, the Congress strategy could give a jolt to Ashoka.

BALLOT CHAT

# Contesting two seats risky, but will win both, says Ashoka

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

IN a strategic move, BJP has fielded Revenue Minister R Ashoka from Padmanabhanagar and Kanakapura Assembly constituencies. Ashoka, one of the most influential Vokkaliga leaders, has served earlier as a deputy chief minister and also Bengaluru in-charge minister. By fielding him from Ramanagara, the saffron party wants to make inroads into this JDS stronghold. Over the next few weeks, Ashoka is expected to juggle between the two constituencies. He speaks to The New Indian Express about the challenges, strategies and responsibilities. Excerpts BJP is fielding you from two Assembly constituencies...

The party has chosen me for both constituencies as they feel I will give a good fight. This is Union Home Minister Amit Shah's political strategy. I am like a soldier, and it is my duty to take up the responsibility given by the party. I will file the nomination from Padmanabhanagar on April 17 and from Kanakapura on April 18 or 19.

**Do you think contesting two seats puts pressure on you?**

Yes, it does. It is also risky and I need to work hard. The party has thought about it and has told me to contest. I will win from both segments.

**What gives you the confidence to win both seats?**

I have developed the Padmanabhanagar constituency and people here will vote because of my development works. In Kanakapura, I ask people if they need the Modi administration or DK Shivakumar's administration. People there do not want Shivakumar's administration.

**How will you manage to campaign in both constituencies?**

I will manage. If I was not contesting from two seats, I would have had to travel to 50 Assembly constituencies, for which the party had given me responsibility. Now, I focus more on these two constituencies.

**How difficult is it to win the Kanakapura segment?**

In the 2018 Assembly polls, the BJP candidate in Kanakapura secured around 6,000 votes. We have very few BJP workers there. We need to increase the number of party workers and also the vote share. BJP has to break through this wall, and that is why the party is fielding me. We will win with the help of PM Narendra Modi's name and my good works as a minister.

**Can Ashoka become chief minister?**

As a revenue minister or earlier as home minister, I have travelled across the state. No other leader has travelled like me. Do not restrict me to Bengaluru. I am a state leader. No one from Bengaluru has become a chief minister of Karnataka so far. It is the party's decision to appoint a chief minister. Who does not have the desire to become a chief minister if the party gives a chance? We will see what is there in my fate. I have also served as deputy chief minister.

# HDK has his way, worker Swaroop gets Hassan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru/Hassan

FORMER CM HD Kumaraswamy won the day on Hassan assembly constituency, with party worker Swaroop Prakash officially getting the ticket. The JDS announced its second list of 50 candidates on Friday.

There was a major disagreement in the Gowda family over Hassan, with former minister HD Revanna firm on fielding his wife Bhavani.

Former CM HD Kumaraswamy held discussions with his brother Revanna at the party office, before announcing the second list with party state president CM Ibrahim. While Kumaraswamy announced 49 candidates, Revanna announced Swaroop Prakash's name from Hassan, saying all he wants is to see Kumaraswamy as the next chief minister, and no one can bring in differences between the family members.

Later, a visibly upset Revanna told reporters that the health of JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda was most important to him, and wife Bhavani had sacrificed Hassan for his sake. Without taking names, he expressed displeasure that he had worked for Swaroop's father (former JDS MLA late HS Prakash) for 30 years, and for Swaroop and his brother for five years. Asked whether he would campaign for Swaroop, Revanna said Kumaraswamy will take care of it, and the party will sweep all seven constituencies in Hassan.

Soon after the ticket was announced, Swaroop's supporters hit the streets of Hassan to celebrate, while some rushed to his house to offer sweets. Swaroop said there are no differences among the leaders and also hoped that Kumaraswamy and Revanna would guide him on how to take on BJP candidate Preetam Gowda.

BJP leader MP Kumaraswamy joins JDS in the presence of former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy and party state president CM Ibrahim in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

**NR Santosh likely to join JDS, contest from Arsikere**

Arsikere: NR Santosh, once a close associate of former CM BS Yediyurappa, and a ticket aspirant from Arsikere constituency, has decided to join JDS as he was denied a ticket by BJP, which announced GVT Basavaraj as its Arsikere candidate. JDS leader HD Revanna and former CM HD Kumaraswamy held talks with Santosh on Friday on Arsikere ticket.

**Datta to contest from Kadur**

YSV Datta, who quit JDS and joined the Congress, but returned to the JDS after being denied a ticket, finally got the Kadur ticket. The JDS also fielded a few former MLAs who joined the party from the Congress and BJP.

In Yeshwanthpur, the party gave the ticket to Javarayi Gowda, who is expected to give BJP candidate and minister ST Somashekhar a tough fight. The party finalised tickets for six of seven constituencies in Hassan, excluding Arasikere, as MLA Shivalingegowda quit the party to join Congress. Revanna will be contesting from home turf Holenarasipura, while former minister A Manju, who skipped from the Congress to JDS, is from Arakalgud.

The second list features five women, including Chaitra Kotharkar from Karwar, who quit the Congress and joined JDS.

EXPRESS READ

**JOSHI IN FAVOUR OF TICKET TO SHETTAR**

Hubballi: A day after senior BJP leader Jagadish Shettar met party top brass in New Delhi, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said he was in favour of giving a ticket to Shettar to contest from Hubballi-Dharwad Central Assembly segment, and said he has apprised the leadership. As Shettar made his intentions clear on fighting polls, BJP national president JP Nadda summoned him, and they met on Wednesday. Joshi said they have expressed their opinion before the leadership on giving Shettar a ticket. Since BJP will retain power, there is a mad rush for tickets and so, rebellion is natural, Joshi said, assuring that everything will be sorted out in the next two to three days.

**ANGARA COOLS OFF, SAYS WILL WORK FOR BJP**

Mangaluru: Two days after announcing his retirement from politics after being denied a ticket, Minister for Fisheries S Angara did a volte-face on Friday and withdrew his statement, saying he would continue to work for BJP. A six-time MLA from Sullia reserved constituency, Angara said he was disappointed after being denied a ticket by BJP. "I have changed my mind, and withdrawn my statement. I will take part in party activities, and work to ensure victory for our candidate Bhagirathi Murulya," he said. "On April 11, I was shocked. In confusion and anger, I had made that statement on April 12. I do not want the people of my constituency to get a wrong message," he said.

# Siddu meets supporters, may drop his Kolar idea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

WITH the BJP fielding Housing Minister V Somanna from Varuna in Mysuru, CLP leader **Siddaramaiah** held a confidential meeting with his supporters, where it was decided that he should stick to Varuna, and drop the idea of contesting from Kolar.

His well-wishers, including KJ George and Byrati Suresh, suggested that Varuna is a safe seat and it is not necessary to contest from Kolar, sources close to Siddaramaiah told TNIE. The reason put forth was that contesting from two seats could turn counter-productive as it may send the wrong message to the electorate in both constituencies.

Besides, it would become difficult for Siddaramaiah to travel across the state to campaign for Congress candidates, especially in North Karnataka.

Asked about the chances of Siddaramaiah contesting from Kolar, AICC general secretary and Karnataka in-charge Randeep Singh Surjewala said the party's third list, which is expected any time soon, will put an end to speculation.

According to sources, Siddaramaiah has proposed the name of Kotturu Manjunath for Kolar. As the latter is facing a court case over a fake SC certificate, and the verdict is unlikely before the deadline for nominations closes, he may opt out of Mulbagal assembly seat, that is reserved for SC category.

In fact, Kotturu is KPCC president D K Shivakumar's Man Friday, and the latter has kept both Kolar and Mulbagal seats vacant for his sake. The chances of Kotturu getting the party ticket for his cousin Manjushri, who hails from Ramanagara, for Mulbagal seat cannot be ruled out as she has a genuine SC caste certificate, a source said.

# BJP unfair towards SCs, says Somashekar; resigns from party

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

B Somashekar, a former minister during the JH Patel government, resigned from the primary membership of BJP on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti on Friday.

He said he chose this day as BJP has been "unfair" to the Scheduled Castes. As a member of the Scheduled Caste community, he said he was feeling "discriminated against" and "suffocated" because of rampant casteism and hierarchy within the party. Somashekar, who was a BJP state vice-president for three years, was serving as an executive committee member of the saffron party.

He was with BJP for nearly a decade after merging JDU with the saffron party in 2014. He said he has been denied the ticket from Malavalli as he lost against a JDS candidate in the 2018 Assembly polls. But that was because of a surreptitious understanding between JDS and some elements of BJP in that election, he said.

Asked if he was dropped because of his age, he said, "I am 71. Somanna, who is older than me, has been made to contest from two seats. Thippareddy, who too is older, has been considered for a ticket. While others who were dropped were informed by party leaders, I was not told by anyone. That is because I am a member of the Scheduled Caste."

Stating that there is no freeze on the disinvestment process of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, the corporate entity of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, the Union Ministry of Steel on Friday said the disinvestment process is under progress and the Central government is extending support to the public sector enterprise to improve its performance

# BJP releases files on DMK leaders' assets

BJP chief K Annamalai at the party headquarters in Chennai on Friday

T MURUGANANDHAM @ Chennai

TAMIL Nadu BJP president K Annamalai on Friday released a purported 'DMK files' containing a list of assets worth about Rs.1.34 lakh crore allegedly owned by DMK ministers, MPs and some party functionaries.

But the BJP chief, who alleged 'inconsistencies' in assets declared and owned by them, did not give any evidence to show how those valuations were arrived at. Annamalai did not take any questions from reporters and said he would answer their questions after a week after the reporters 'peruse' the charges made by him.

Meanwhile, Annamalai also released a 'delivery challan' for his Rafael wristwatch. The former IPS officer said Cheralathan Ramakrishnan of Coimbatore was the original buyer, and he bought the watch from him on May 27, 2021.

Annamalai was addressing reporters at the BJP headquarters in Chennai after screening a video about the alleged assets owned by DMK functionaries and the value of these assets.

Making a direct allegation against the CM, Annamalai said, "Alstom, an MNC, had paid Rs.200 crore to Stalin during the 2011 Assembly election through two shell companies based in Singapore and Hong Kong through money laundering. I am going to lodge a complaint to the CBI by providing them all documents and seek an investigation. This is my direct charge against Stalin."

Under the head, Asset Accumulators, Annamalai's website www.enmannenmakkal.com has listed purported information about the alleged assets owned by DMK functionaries Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, K Ponmudy, Duraimurugan, EV Velu, S Jagathrakshakan, KN Nehru, Kalanidhi Veerasamy, Kalanithi Maran, Sabareesan, TR Baalu, Udhayanidhi Stalin and Kanimozhi. The website also claims to have 'details' about DMK distilleries, DMK schools and DMK universities.

Annamalai said his fight against corruption would continue and he would release part II, III, and IV of the DMK files.

# Parts of K'taka sizzles, B'luru at 36°C, K'buragi 41°

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru:

BENGALURU city on Thursday recorded the highest maximum temperature of 36.4 degrees Celsius so far this year. The temperature on Friday saw a reduction by a mere 0.4 degrees Celsius, with a maximum of 36 degrees Celsius.

Kalaburagi, on the other hand, recorded a maximum of 41.5 degrees Celsius. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), this was highest temperature recorded so far in the state.

Even though most parts of south interior Karnataka and north interior Karnataka witnessed thunder showers on Friday, the IMD has forecast no rainfall for Bengaluru and surrounding areas for the next few days.

They also pointed out that during mid-April last year, Bengaluru and most parts of Karnataka had witnessed thunder showers. But, this year, most parts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru, have not experienced rainfall for more than two weeks.

The officials explained that this was because of insufficient moisture, insufficient heating, wind instability and absence of any triggering mechanism like a system formation.

"Parts of north interior Karnataka are experiencing rain because of wind discontinuity and clouding due to local convection. But in the case of Bengaluru, the relative humidity and moisture is not there. The peak temperature in Bengaluru is 2 degrees Celsius above normal and will rise in the coming days. While the temperature in parts of north Karnataka will dip because of the cloud cover and rain for a few days, it will start to soar again and will even touch 45-46 degrees Celsius," IMD officials said.

They also said the heat wave will prevail over parts of coastal and north interior Karnataka in the days ahead. "April is the peak summer month and thunder showers are only expected in May this year. The summer situation across most parts of Karnataka, including Bengaluru, is bad," the official added.

**TEMP CROSSES 40°C IN AP**

Vijayawada: The daytime temperatures shot past 40 degrees Celsius at several places in Andhra Pradesh. The highest temperature of 44.6 degrees Celsius was reported at Dornipadu mandal of Nandyal district.

# Now, all vehicles have to pay to enter Nagarahole forests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Madikeri

A forest checkpost at Karike in Kodagu district

NOT just inter-state, now even intra- and inter-district vehicles will have to pay an entry fee at forest gates of Nagarahole in Kodagu. The forest department took this step to put an end to the rampant dumping of garbage and littering in forest areas in the district.

Kodagu Chief Conservator of Forests Murthy BNN pointed out that it had become a herculean task for the department to control littering and dumping of garbage in forest fringes. "But after we introduced strict checking and entry fee at Nagarahole Gate, the dumping of huge quantities of waste materials brought from Kerala into Kodagu forests has been controlled," he said.

Entry fee will also now be collected at Makutta Gate in South Kodagu where garbage was being dumped from Kerala and surrounding areas. To prevent unauthorised parking and littering, the forest department is conducting regular vigil in forest areas that lead to popular tourist spots.

Tourists park by the waterfalls on the Bhagamandala-Karike Road and litter the area with plastic and liquor waste. "This is causing an adverse effect on the wildlife and the department is conducting stringent checks to control this," he said.

# K'taka HC comes down on postal dept for denying interest to PPF investor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE denial of interest after receiving deposits into the Public Provident Fund (PPF) Scheme for 12 years does not behove the status of the Department of Posts (DoP) being a State under Article 12 of the Constitution, ordered the Karnataka High Court, directing the department to pay interest to the petitioner up to September 23, 2021. Till the payment from that date, the petitioner will be entitled to the interest at the rate paid by banks, the court added.

Partly allowing the petition filed by K Shankar Lal, a resident of Vyalikaval in Bengaluru, Justice M Nagaprasanna said DoP's action is far from fair. Lal had questioned the DoP's communication dated September 23, 2021, denying him the interest, while asking him to close the account which was opened in the name of the Hindu Undivided Family (HUF) in the PPF Scheme on September 3, 2009. The maturity date of the account is March 31, 2025.

Though the HUF scheme closed on May 13, 2005, the DoP allowed the petitioner to open the account through an agent under it, and received the amounts for 12 years with eyes wide open, knowing full well that the scheme had been amended four years previously, the judge said. Later, the department denied interest, saying the opening of the account itself was irregular. Lal, who was accumulating money for his daughter's marriage, moved the court. The total accrued, including interest, is Rs 12.96 lakh.

"The Post Master and the Senior Superintendent of Posts Offices, Malleswaram, could not have permitted the opening of the account and further could not have permitted deposits into the account for 12 long years. Having kept quiet all along cannot pass the buck upon the petitioner and make the account irregular and deny the interest for the investment," the court said.

## EXPRESS READ

### Ice-cream manufacturers assn clarifies on frozen desserts

Hubballi : The Indian Ice-cream Manufacturers' Association has clarified that ice-cream and frozen desserts meet the Food Safety and Standards (FSSAI) regulations. IICMA president Sudhir Shah has appealed to consumers not to pay heed to social media posts that are deliberately aimed at garnering attention by disparaging frozen desserts. "IICMA assures customers that the products are manufactured in accordance with FSSAI standards and are completely safe to consume," he said. "In ice-cream, the source of fat is milk fat. Frozen desserts contain milk and may contain milk fat and milk solids. The fat in frozen dessert comes mainly from vegetable oil. The vegetable oil is a safe ingredient and is also used in multiple food products," he added. **ENS**

### Gadkari threat calls: Murder convict booked under UAPA

Belagavi: Murder convict Jayesh Pujari alias Salim Shahir Kantha, who is accused of making threat calls to Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari from Hindalga Central Jail in Belagavi recently, was on Thursday booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act for links to terror organisations Al Qaeda, Popular Front of India (PFI) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) as well as underworld don Dawood Ibrahim. Pujari had made threat calls to Gadkari's office in Nagpur demanding crores of rupees. Pujari was booked under UAPA by Maharashtra's Dhantoli police after central intelligence agencies interrogated him for 10 hours, revealing his links with terrorists. Sources said he had even undergone training in handling improvised explosive devices from terror outfits in a North Eastern state. **ENS**


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| 1 | Loan No.:- 410200005556 Name:-Ramesh Baswa | All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. A-302, Measuring 1800 Sft., on the second floor of the multistoried building known as "MAX-SUNFLOWER", with an undivided share of 2.5% of in the land, which is equivalent to 348 Sft bearing BBMP Khatha No. 1235, Sy. No. 34/1, situated in PattandurAgrahara Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East, and bounded on the East By:C.S Adam's Property, West By:Blind School Trust Property, North By: Blind School Trust Property, South By: Road. | 09-10-2017 | Rs.8100000/- | Rs.810000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR05556 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 2 | Loan No.:- 410200005557 Name:- Ramesh Baswa | All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No. A-202, Measuring 1800 Sft., on the second floor of the multistoried building known as "MAX-SUNFLOWER" with an undivided share of 2.5% of in the land, which is equivalent to 348 Sft bearing BBMP Khatha No. 1235, Sy. No. 34/1, situated in PattandurAgrahara Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East, and bounded on the:- EAST By:C.S Adam's Property, West By:Blind School Trust Property, North By: Blind School Trust Property, South By: Road. | 09-10-2017 | Rs.8100000/- | Rs.810000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR05557 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 3. | Loan No.:- 411500005529 Name:- Chennaiyan M N | All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.G-08, in WING-A, in the Ground floor, measuring about 1190.02 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VMR GEMINI SIGNATURE" constructed over Schedule, having undivided share of 337.461 square feet in the land being a portion of Sy.No.120, Chelkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on: EAST By: Water Channel and Road, West By: Water Channel and Road, North By: Property belongs to Joseph, South By: Property belongs to Poojappa and Muniswamy Reddy. | 04-08-2017 | Rs.7100000/- | Rs.710000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05529 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 4. | Loan No.:- 411500005530 Name:- M N Chennaiyan | All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No.G-04, in WING-A, in the Ground floor, measuring about 1190.02 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VMR GEMINI SIGNATURE" constructed over Schedule, having undivided share of 337.461 square feet in the land being a portion of Sy.No.120, Chelkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on:EAST By: Water Channel and Road, West By: Water Channel and Road, North By: Property belongs to Joseph, South By: Property belongs to Poojappa and Muniswamy Reddy. | 04-08-2017 | Rs.7060000/- | Rs.706000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05530 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 5. | Loan No.:- 411500005652 Name:- Veena | All that piece & parcel of the residential Property bearing Flat No. 307, in WING-A, in the Ground floor, measuring about 1190.02 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bedrooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring, together with One covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "VMR GEMINI SIGNATURE" constructed over Schedule, having undivided share of 337.461 square feet in the land being a portion of Sy.No.120, Chelkere Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and bounded on: EAST By: Water Channel and Road, West By: Water Channel and Road, North By: Property belongs to Joseph, South By: Property belongs to Poojappa and Muniswamy Reddy. | 09-10-2017 | Rs.7080000/- | Rs.708000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAWF05652 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 6. | Loan No.:- 410200004375 Name:-Jangid Mahendra Singh | All that piece & parcel of the Residential Flat No.G-03, 2BHK, BBMP Khatha No.32/67/2, on the GROUND FLOOR, with super Built Up area of 1125 Sq Feet, 270 Sq. Feet of undivided right, title and interest, along with One Reserved Car Parking Space in Basement Floor of the residential Apartment Building known as "NOVES SQUARE" constructed on the Land bearing Converted Land in Sy. No. 67 of Chokkanahalli Village, YelahankaHobli, Bangalore North Taluk. And bounded on the:- EAST By: Passage, West By: Stair Case and Duct, North By: Passage, South By: Open Space. | 09-10-2017 | Rs.5100000/- | Rs.510000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04375 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 7. | Loan No.:- 410200004586 Name : Mr Y Ramesh Kumar | Flat No.G-4, in the Ground floor of the multistoried apartment building known as "VENKATA SAI LAND RIDGE" measuring 1227 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 314 square feet and one covered car parking space in the land bearing Sy.No.30/1A4, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.130 situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently coming under BBMP ward No.53, and bounded on: EAST By: Flat No.G-6, West By: Open to sky, North By: Passage and Flat No.G-4, South By: Open to sky. | 12-08-2016 | Rs.49,00,000/- | Rs.4,90,000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04586 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |
| 8. | Loan No.:- 410200004587 Name : Mr Y Ramesh Kumar | Flat No.G-5, in the Ground floor of the multistoried apartment building known as "VENKATA SAI LAND RIDGE" measuring 1204 Square Feet super built up area, having undivided share of 308 square feet and one covered car parking space in the land bearing Sy.No.30/1A4, presently bearing BBMP Khatha No.130 situated at Seegehalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently coming under BBMP ward No.53, and bounded on: EAST By: Flat No.G-6, West By: Open to sky, North By: Passage and Flat No.G-4, South By: Open to sky. | 12-08-2016 | Rs.48,00,000/- | Rs.4,80,000/- | Account Number:- HFLESCBAIR04587 IFSC Code:- UTIB0CCH274 Beneficiary Branch Name : AXIS BANK, CENTRALISED COLLECTION HUB |

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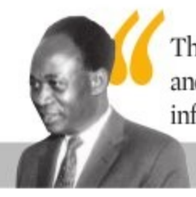

"The forces that unite us are intrinsic and greater than the superimposed influences that keep us apart" — Kwame Nkrumah

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— Ramnath Goenka

## OPPOSITION UNITY DEPENDS ON CONGRESS ABILITY TO GIVE AND TAKE

The presence of two Opposition stalwarts, Bihar CM and JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, has re-centred the focus on unity talks among non-BJP parties for 2024. By calling on Rahul Gandhi, the two leaders appear to have indicated the one issue that needs resolving first: That the Congress appears to be the elephant in the room for opposition unity. Nitish Kumar arrived in Delhi earlier this week to initiate the process of bringing the opposition parties together. He met RJD leader Lalu Yadav, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi of the Congress, AAP's Arvind Kejriwal and Left leaders Sitaram Yechury and D Raja. Immediately after Nitish's visit, Pawar landed in Delhi to hold talks with the Congress leadership.

A key issue in both meetings was the reluctance of regional opposition parties to join hands with the Congress. While Pawar advised Rahul to go slow on his attacks on Savarkar as it threatened the alliance's continuance in Maharashtra, Nitish said that he would take the lead to engage with the opposition parties that are not comfortable in the company of the Congress. Among them are two sets of parties. K Chandrashekar Rao's BRS, Mamata Banerjee's TMC, and Kejriwal's AAP are on one side. This group is in favour of forming an opposition front without the Congress. Then there are parties like BJD and YSRCP, which prefer contesting the election on their own, equidistant from the Congress and the BJP. Nitish has assured the Congress that he will engage with both sets of parties and try to ensure their support for a non-BJP front post-Lok Sabha polls. His assurance comes even as most regional parties are wary of uniting under the Congress leadership.

Sitaram Yechury tried to diffuse the leadership issue by seeking to freeze it till after the elections, reminding the parties that the National Front in 1996 and the United Progressive Alliance in 2004, which came to power, were formed after the elections. He also suggested that the alliance among opposition parties should be state-specific rather than national-level seat sharing. The initiatives by Nitish Kumar, Sharad Pawar and Sitaram Yechury indicate the Congress party's limited appeal among opposition parties not allied with it. The progress of unity talks depends as much on convincing the wary regional parties as on how the Congress adapts to group play.

## DIP IN TECH HIRINGS AS SLOWDOWN FEARS RISE

Like the bull and bear phases in stock markets, the tech industry has its own hiring and firing cycles. Regrettably, the ongoing mass layoffs follow the hiring frenzy seen just a couple of years ago. As for numbers, layoffs in India are relatively lower than what is witnessed globally. That said, overall hiring numbers have been significantly hit. From startups, which are seeing reduced access to funds, to product, platform and services companies, the slowdown in IT jobs is unmistakable. Declining sales and economic uncertainties have forced companies to admit their errors of over-enthusiastic hiring during the pandemic years. As Google's Sundar Pichai mailed his employees recently, the company hired for a different economic reality than the one they faced in 2023. Given the extended fears of a global economic slowdown and recession, companies are realigning workforce strategies.

Indian IT companies aren't entirely shielded, and net hiring in FY23 has shrunk drastically. While some companies are yet to disclose their annual numbers, Nasscom pegged overall hiring to have dipped to 2.9 lakh in FY23 compared to 3.8 lakh in FY22. Worryingly, hiring hit the skids at the big four, with TCS adding just 22,600 in FY23 as against one lakh in FY22, while Infosys announced 30,000 net additions, 46% lower than FY22's 54,000. Disappointingly, the trend is likely to continue even this fiscal, with staffing firm Teamlease anticipating a 40% drop in headcount addition this fiscal. Experts are confident that companies will bounce back and hiring momentum will increase.

But what's worrisome is the delay in the onboarding of campus recruits. Wipro reportedly adjusted its onboarding plans considering the macro environment and business needs, while TCS and Capgemini have vowed to absorb all who received offer letters. The delay in onboarding campus recruits is well-known, and the issue resurfaces every time a slowdown hits the Indian or global economy. But this time, the delay extending beyond 12 months and, in some cases, even more, is most troubling. Some campus hires have offer letters from multiple companies but not one joining letter after an endless wait. The IT industry is no longer a sunrise sector and hires in huge numbers. With experience on their side, companies should avoid overestimating demand. And when they do hire, they cannot return on their valid and enforceable contractual commitments.

QUICK TAKE

### MECHANISING SCAVENGING

The Supreme Court wants the government to discuss ways of banning manual scavenging at the earliest. It was officially banned in 1993 but never enforced. The finance minister promised to shift from manhole to machine-hole mode this year by switching to mechanised scavenging. That's yet to happen because the changeover is costly, and municipalities make do with cheap labour from discriminated sections. Poorly paid, they have no social or health security and often die scavenging for want of protective gear. Promoting mechanisation needs a public-private partnership guaranteeing that the scavengers are trained for mechanised operations and given permanent jobs.

There are countries that have suppressed other languages and forcibly imposed the most-spoken language on everyone else, seeking to standardise and harmonise

## INDIA'S MYRIAD TONGUES AND THE ENGLISH DEBATE

BIBEK DEBROY

Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to the PM

SOUMYADIP SINHA

What is the word for "friend" in Sanskrit? If asked for synonyms of "friend" in English, I will hesitate. Companion, confidante? There aren't too many good ones. For that word in Sanskrit, I will hesitate. There are too many good ones—*mitra, sakha, bandhu, suhrid, bandhava, vayasya*. (I have given the masculine gender.) The structures of the two languages, English and Sanskrit, are completely different. In English, a noun means something, directly. In Sanskrit, a noun means nothing, except indirectly. In Sanskrit, the critical bit is the verbal root. The noun is unimportant and the meaning of the noun is derived from the verbal root. Since the noun and the pronoun are unimportant, I do not capitalise "I".

Since the noun and the pronoun are relatively unimportant, not just in Sanskrit, but in most Indian languages, typically, most Indians will not say, "I am so and so." The response will be, "My name is so and so," or, "I am known as so and so." Notice the emphasis in the second statement on the verb. So, unless you tell me what the friend is supposed to do, I don't know what word to give you in Sanskrit. There is a famous *shloka*, which I am not going to quote. Someone I work with is *mitra*. Someone who is dear to my heart is *sakha*. Someone from whom separation is intolerable is *bandhu*. Someone who is always devoted is *suhrid*. Someone who follows me when the king summons me (invariably for punishment), or my body goes to the cremation ground, is *bandhava*. Different shades of meaning and not quite synonyms. The focus is on the friend's function, the verb.

If someone asks me the word for "curds" in Bengali, I won't hesitate. *Doi* in the colloquial and *dadhi* in more polished language. In the Hindi heartland, I will get what I want in a restaurant or shop, especially if I say *dadhi*. That's unlikely to be the case in the south. But asked for the word for "curds" in Sanskrit, I will again hesitate. *Dadhi* certainly, but also *takra, amiksha, sara, payasya, kshirasara, shandala, shula*, perhaps even something based on *manthana*. Having failed to make myself understood with *dadhi*, if I try *takra*, I suspect many people in the south will understand.

I don't know how many people still remember Pandit Lakshmi Kanta Maitra, member of the Constituent Assembly. I am going to quote part of what he said in Constituent Assembly debates on September 13, 1949: "Wherever I have travelled, if I have not been able to make myself understood in any other language, I have been able to make myself understood in Sanskrit. Two decades ago, when I was in Madras, in some of the big temples at Madura, Rameshwaram, Tirupati, I could not make myself understood in English or in any other language, but the moment I started talking in Sanskrit, I found that these people could well understand me and exchange their views." Sanskrit has an incredibly rich vocabulary, more than any of the other languages in the Eighth Schedule. There are an estimated 1,70,000 words in the English language. Because of *sandhi* and *samasa* and the ability to form new words, the number of words in Sanskrit is, in principle, infinite. Unlike written Sanskrit, such as in literature, spoken Sanskrit, shorn of *sandhi* and *samasa*, is relatively easy. Because of the way Census questions are asked, many more people speak Sanskrit than you might think. Census doesn't reveal the whole truth.

However, this column isn't about Sanskrit. It is about India being a multicultural and multilingual country. I anchor a programme for TV. It is bilingual (English and Hindi). But I am constantly abused (through comments) for using English. Colonial legacy, Macaulay's children, all reminiscent of points raised in Constituent Assembly debates. In passing, had it not been for former colonies (including USA), a tiny island's language would have become irrelevant. English is as much India's language (Eighth Schedule), as it is of Albion's. Witness an extensive corpus of Indians writing in English. I use English because I want the programme to be watched outside the Hindi heartland too, within India, and outside it. Back to the comments. *"Use matri bhasha." Matri bhasha* means mother tongue, mother language. Several people, ready with comments, may not know International Mother Language Day is on February 21, and will certainly not know why the date happens to be February 21. The UN chose that date because Bangladesh (then East Bengal or East Pakistan) fought for recognition of Bengali and there were martyrs to the cause on February 21, 1952.

My *matri bhasha* happens to be Bengali. There is a presumption that every Indian's *matri bhasha* is Hindi, that too, Urdu-permeated Hindi, encouraged by Bollywood. For instance, imagine a stipulation, "Everyone must henceforth say thank you", just as mechanically, almost everyone says "Sorry" now. Hence, we must all say, *"shukriya"*. I am certain, outside the Hindi heartland, despite Bollywood influence, several won't understand. Try *"dhanyavad"* instead. In Constituent Assembly debates, Hindi was chosen because it was Sanskrit-permeated and easy to understand, throughout the country. A far cry from the current version of Hindi. International Mother Language Day consciously recognises diversity and encourages multilingualism. The official Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti also does so and speaks of 270 Indian languages and mother tongues, not just the Eighth Schedule. There are of course countries (one that's a neighbour) that have suppressed other languages/dialects and forcibly imposed the most-spoken language on everyone else, seeking to standardise and harmonise.

The most-spoken language in India is Hindi, by a considerable margin. There may be people who possess sneaky admiration for what that neighbouring country does, not just for language policy. They will thus seek to overwhelm and "acquire" languages and language-speakers bordering Hindi—Bengali, Marathi, Gujarati, Odia, Punjabi, Assamese, Maithili and whatever else you might want to add. But that's not the Indian route of diversity.

What binds *Bharatavarsha* together if we do not have a common language? How do we define Indian culture? Those are meant to be rhetorical questions. When Adi Shankaracharya travelled throughout the country, how did he make himself understood? For that matter, how did Swami Vivekananda? (No, within the country, it wasn't English.) India is fine, eating curds and whey in local languages. There is no need to let loose a venomous spider.

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## BIDDERS THE NEW HUNTERS IN TODAY'S JURASSIC PARK

PRATIK KANJILAL

Editor of *The India Cable*

SPEAKEASY

Palaeontologists are mortified at the news of Europe's first auction of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton. To go under the hammer next Tuesday at the Koller auction house in Zurich, Switzerland, 'Trinity' is a sort of intra-species chimaera, made up of the fossil bones of three dinosaurs discovered in the Hell Creek and Lance Creek formations in Montana and Wyoming. There is disquiet among scientists because the expected price of $5.5–8.8 million puts most museums and research bodies out of the game—and the trade buzz is that the estimate is low. If Trinity goes to a private collector, it will become inaccessible to scientific work and teaching—even to school kids, who are the most dedicated dino fiends.

Palaeontologists have always been uneasy about the private fossil trade, because buyers are both institutions like universities and museums, which acquire knowledge in order to give public access to it, and collectors who buy an artefact with the specific intention of keeping it to themselves. Antiquities, like finds from the Egyptian pyramids—both authentic and fake—have been privately traded from colonial times, and the fossil trade went pro in 1993. The release of *Jurassic Park* (the movie, not the book) drove public interest to fever pitch and a Bonhams auction of a nest of 10 sauropod eggs from China became a telephonic war between two anonymous collectors. Final sale value: $143,000, including the consideration for 23 dinosaur coprolites (fossilised dung) which had been polished to a sparkling finish using agate. The things that people are willing to collect! In 2021, a 66 million-year-old *Triceratops* skeleton went on sale for $7.7 million and last year, a *Gorgosaurus* was also on the block. In 2020, in the thick of the pandemic, Christie's sold a *T. rex* fossil nicknamed 'Stan' for $31.8 million in the most expensive fossil auction ever.

The private sale of *T. rex* fossils always heightens feelings because it's the most widely recognised species, though it must have been among the least populous. Copies of 'Stan' are installed in most museum dino sections, and the 2020 sale did not include replication rights. However, only 32 skeletons of the world's most intimidating land predator have ever been found. Every fossil that falls into private hands is a loss to everyone who has an interest in the past.

Besides, a paper by the neuroscientist Suzana Herculano-Houzel in the *Journal of Comparative Neurology* in January suggests that *T. rex* and *Allosaurus* had about the same number of neurons in the brain as baboons and monkeys, and therefore could have had 'flexible cognition', solved fairly complex problems, used tools, lived long and transmitted their culture across generations, like many modern primates and birds do. By culture, the author means a "body of knowledge and technology that gets passed down across generations and built upon," as she explained on Twitter. The finding suggests that *T. rex* was a far more efficient hunting machine than was previously thought.

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> There's no one left to hunt but each other. The culture of hunting is so deeply embedded in the human psyche that we just can't stop

It is interesting to see that two of three widely read classics of dinosaur sci-fi are about hunting, perhaps because they were written when hunting was an essential part of the American way and *Field & Stream* was a bestselling magazine. The last, *Jurassic Park*, was written in 1990, when the excesses of the previous generation had taken their toll on the wild and conservation was suddenly fashionable. Our interest here is in the earlier hunting classics, like L. Sprague de Camp's 1956 novelette *A Gun for Dinosaur*, which is anchored by the time-travelling hunting guides Reginald Rivers and Chandra Aiyar (The Raja of Janpur who, presumably bankrupted by the abolition of privy purses, has become a travel agent in New York City). They take hunters back to the Cretaceous, in search of the head of a *T. rex* to mount on the living room wall. A *T. rex* is indeed found, but the story is not about dinosaurs, though it features in dinosaur fiction collections. It's a classic about the dangers of time travel—like exiting your time machine at a point which, in the past or future, was or will be under the surface of the earth—and its paradoxes, like travelling back in time to kill your grandmother, and thus preventing your own birth.

More to the point is Isaac Asimov's 1950 short story *Day of the Hunters*, which was re-collected in his 1975 anthology *Buy Jupiter and Other Stories*. It's a story told by a university teacher who travelled back to the Mesozoic to see why dinosaurs became extinct—and was hunted by them. He discovered a culture of hunting among the smaller dinosaurs, who were intelligent and bore firearms. And after they were done shooting all the bigger dinosaurs in a gigantic mass extinction, there was nothing left to shoot, except each other.

This is, of course, a reptilian parable for the age of mammals. Sapiens, a small but heavily armed mammal, has taken the planet for its own, reducing the range of the larger mammals to game reserves. There's no one left to hunt but each other. The culture of hunting is so deeply embedded in the human psyche that we just can't stop.

Of course, that's not how it happened. The Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction 66 million years ago is attributed to a meteorite strike in Central America. The age of the dinosaurs ended and mammals rose in their place. Now, the only mammal smart enough to toy with hubris is interfering with the planet energetically enough to trigger the next mass extinction. As a sense of foreboding develops about climate change, the dinosaurs, our forerunners in the race to extinction, look more fascinating than ever before. And it seems a shame to buy and sell their remains.

*(Tweets @pratik_k)*

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### Parliamentary conduct

Apropos of *Parliamentary conduct: The new golden rule* (Apr 14). Only a handful of participants in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are attentive and doing homework like Shashi Tharoor. What is the use of holding a session without discussion and building a new Parliament by wasting taxpayers' money?
**Dr Indra Getzy David, Tirunelveli**

### Tharoor's views

Tharoor chose not to bloviate in bombastic lingua franca but put it in simple English that a day in a week can be granted to opposition members for vivacious debates in Parliament. His sensible suggestion is worth being taken cognisance of by the Speaker. Soumyadip Sinha's cartoon and Alfred Tennyson's quote are apt additions concomitantly.
**Venkat Desikan, Chennai**

### Religious harmony

Apropos of *Malappuram temples host Iftar with love* (Apr 14). When the country is witnessing unrest over religions elsewhere, in Malappuram, a Muslim individual sponsored *annadanam* during a temple festival and temples there organised mass *iftar* for Muslims. Kudos to *TNIE* for bringing out such news on its front page.
**P P Sahadevan, Nileshwar**

### Yogi's UP

In Yogi Adityanath-ruled UP, the dictum is that if you live by the gun you die by it. The encounter killing of Asad is another one in a long string of encounters which have all been passed off as genuine encounters. The opposition parties have launched a scathing attack on the UP government but Yogi remains unfazed and it is very likely that those who are absconding in the Umesh Pal case might meet the same fate.
**C V Aravind, email**

### Kerala BJP

Apropos of *BJP's Christian push: Adding to Kerala's political matrix* (Apr 14). The BJP's overtures to the Christians in Kerala are unlikely to yield the expected results. A vast majority of Christians here have political choices of their own, which cannot be swayed by Church leaders. The absence of a credible leadership is the Achilles heel for Kerala's BJP.
**C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam**

### Fighting cybercrime

Apropos of *Institutions need infra to fight cybercrime* (Apr 14). IT laws in India are robust enough, but there is still a lot of work to be done at the ground level. The public has to be made aware, and the authorities should ensure impenetrable digital infrastructure in police stations to track cybercrime.
**Gyan Chaturvedi, Vizianagaram**

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**TWEETS OF THE DAY**

**Yashwant Sinha** @YashwantSinha
I strongly condemn the CBI notice to the Delhi CM. At this rate all opposition leaders will be behind bars by the time Lok Sabha elections are held

**Ghulam Nabi Azad** @ghulamnazad
Maulana Azad's contributions to freedom mvmt & edu system are undeniable. Erasing his name would be counterintuitive to our progress as a nation

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# REMEMBERING AMBEDKAR

The Father of Constitution's Remarkable Journey Continues To Inspire People Across Political Spectrum 66 Years After His Death

**CONSTITUTION**

"Constitutional morality is not a natural sentiment. It has to be cultivated. We must realize that our people have yet to learn it. Democracy in India is only a top-dressing on an Indian soil which is essentially undemocratic."

**PATRIOTISM**

"I do not want that our loyalty as Indians should be in the slightest way affected by any competitive loyalty whether that loyalty arises out of our religion, out of our culture or out of our language. I want all people to be Indians first, Indian last and nothing else but Indians."

**CASTE**

"It is common experience that certain names become associated with certain notions and sentiments, which determine a person's attitude towards men and things. The names, Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra, are names which are associated with a definite and fixed notion in the mind of every Hindu. That notion is that of a hierarchy based on birth. So long as these names continue, Hindus will continue to think of the Brahmin, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra as hierarchical divisions of high and low, based on birth, and act accordingly. The Hindu must be made to unlearn all this...

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**"How long shall we continue to deny equality in our social and economic life?**
If we continue to deny it for long, we will do so only by putting our political democracy in peril. We must remove this contradiction at the earliest possible moment or else those who suffer from inequality will blow up the structure of political democracy which this Assembly has so laboriously built up."

**REPUBLIC DAY**

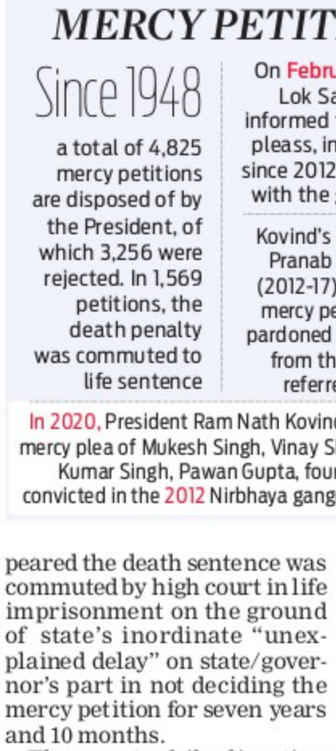
"On the 26th of Jan 1950 we are going to enter into a life of contradictions. In politics we will have equality and in social and economic life we will have inequality. In politics we will be recognizing the principle of one man one vote and one vote one value."

**EDUCATION**

"The backward classes have come to realize that after all education is the greatest material benefit for which they can fight. We may forgo material benefits, we may forgo material benefits of civilization, but we cannot forgo our right and opportunities to reap the benefit of the highest education to the fullest extent. That is the importance of this question from the point of view of the backward classes who have just realized that without education their existence is not safe."

**WOMEN**

"There is no social evil and no social wrong to which the Brahmin has not given his support. Man's inhumanity to man, such as the feeling of caste, untouchability, unapproachability and unseeability is a religion to him. It would, however, be a mistake to suppose that only the wrongs of man are a religion to him. The Brahmin has given his support to some of the worst wrongs that women have suffered from in any part of the world...



**UNTOUCHABILITY**

"The outcaste is a bye-product of the caste system. There will be outcastes as long as there are castes. Nothing can emancipate the outcaste except the destruction of the caste system."

# Rahul-Uddhav meet likely at Matoshree to break ice

Both leaders ready to bury their differences to defeat BJP in 2024

**SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI** @Mumbai

AFTER his talks with NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is likely to fly to Mumbai soon to meet Uddhav Thackeray at Matoshree to iron out the differences between alliance partners and draw up the strategy for the Lok Sabha elections next year.

Rahul and Pawar met at Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's residence in New Delhi where the top leaders discussed seat-sharing and strategy against the BJP in Maharashtra.

"In the meeting, it was decided that Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Malliakrjun Kharge will fly down to Mumbai and meet Uddhav Thackeray whose party is part of Maha Vikas Aghadi. Besides, Rahul has also agreed to iron out the differences with Uddhav that cropped over the VD Savarkar issue. This meeting will boost the cadre of both the parties and bring the ideologically different partiestogether ahead of crucial elections," said a source.

There are a total 48 Lok Sabha seats in Maharashtra and Congress wishes to contest as many seats as possible to boost its tally at national level, said the senior Congress leader .

"Out of 48 Lok Sabha seats, each alliance partner of MVA will get 15 seats, while remaining three seats will be either given to Congress and NCP. Shiv Sena has been asking for more seats, but 13 sitting Lok Sabha MPs of Shiv Sena have joined Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde-led Sena. So, Uddhav may face difficulties getting the strong candidates. We may swap the candidates," said the Congress leader.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut said that the Opposition is united and to close the gaps a lot of activities are also taking place in Mumbai and Delhi. "BJP is in panic mode therefore sending notices through central agencies to break the alliance and poach the tall leaders of the alliance partners. But no one will succumb to the pressure tactics of the BJP," Raut said.

**Rahul must apologise for Savarkar remark, says BJP**

Commenting on a likely Rahul Gandhi-Uddhav Thackeray meeting in Mumbai, Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekar Bawankule said Rahul should extend an apology for insulting Hindutva ideology V D Savarkar before entering Maharashtra. Bawankule added that Rahul has insulted Savarkar five times

# Over 1,000 IAS officers eligible for mid-career training to hone skills

**RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR** @New Delhi

OVER one thousand Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers of 2009-2015 batches have been found eligible and slotted to undergo mid-career training programme (MCTP) in May this year.

All the nominated civil servants, belonging to different states and unoin territories cadres, will undergo various modules of the 19th round of phase-III training of the mid-career training programme which is conceived and developed with the aim of building 'next-level competency'.

According to an official notification of the Department of Personnel &Training, as many as 1,254 IAS officers have been slotted to undergo this round of MCPT training at the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie. "This round of training is being offered to the IAS officers of batch 2015(first chance), 2014-batch (second chance), 2013(third chance and last chance) and officers of 2009 to 2012 on case to case basis," said an official source.

An official source said that the training is basically aimed at equipping and acquainting the civil servants with the best practices in governance and service deliver-based on in-country and international comparison drawn by exchange of experiences and case studies, and state-of-the-art tools and techniques in administrative services.

During the programme, officers would be trained also in financial, economic and risk analysis, financial management through well designed modules. They would also be trained on poverty alleviation, e-governance, national security, decentralization, attitudinal changes, leadership, rural and urban development.

**Training areas**

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# SC: Delay in mercy plea decisions will 'frustrate purpose of death sentence'

**SHRUTI KAKKAR** @New Delhi

WHILE asking states/appropriate authorities to decide on mercy petitions at the earliest, the Supreme Court has said that inordinate delay in not deciding on mercy pleas will "frustrate the object and purpose of the death sentence".

A bench of Justices MR Shah and CT Ravikumar said, "If even after the final conclusion even upto this court, even, thereafter there is an inordinate delay in not deciding the mercy petition, the object and purpose of the death sentence would be frustrated."

All efforts shall be made by the state government and/or the concerned authorities to see that the mercy petitions are decided and disposed of at the earliest, so that even the accused can also know his fate and even justice is also done to the victim.

Court's order came in a plea filed by the Maharashtra government against Bombay High Court's January 18, 2022 order in which the HC commuted the death sentences imposed on the accused to one of the life imprisonment.

The bench noted that it appeared the death sentence was commuted by high court in life imprisonment on the ground of state's inordinate "unexplained delay" on state/governor's part in not deciding the mercy petition for seven years and 10 months.

The court while directing the states also relied on SC ruling on Jagdish Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh wherein the court commuted the death sentence to life imprisonment after taking into consideration the delay in disposal of the mercy petition of above five years.

Under Article 72 of the Constitution, the President has the power to grant pardon and decide on mercy petitions. Under Article 161 of the Indian Constitution, the Governor of State also possess the power to grant pardons, reprieves, respites and remission or suspend, remit or commute the sentence of a convict against state law.

**MERCY PETITIONS: A RECAP**

**Since 1948** a total of 4,825 mercy petitions are disposed of by the President, of which 3,256 were rejected. In 1,569 petitions, the death penalty was commuted to life sentence

**On February 8,2022** Lok Sabha was informed that 4 mercy pleass, including one since 2012, are pending with the government

Kovind's predecessor Pranab Mukherjee (2012-17) rejected 30 mercy petitions and pardoned four convicts from the 34 cases referred to him

Four mercy pleas includes one of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh's assassin Balwant Singh Rajoana, are pending with the Centre. Of the three remaining petitions, one is pending since 2015 and two from 2021

In 2020, President Ram Nath Kovind rejected the mercy plea of Mukesh Singh, Vinay Sharma, Akshay Kumar Singh, Pawan Gupta, four of the six convicted in the 2012 Nirbhaya gangrape & murder

# NCPCR asks schools, boards to prescribe NCERT textbooks

**KAVITA BAJELI-DATT** @New Delhi

THE National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has directed the Department of School Education to ensure that all state boards and schools prescribe books by the National Council of Educational Research Training (NCERT) for students from Class 1 to 12.

It also said that no child should be discriminated against, harassed or neglected by schools for carrying books published/prescribed by the NCERT. "Any action taken against the child and hence, may attract the provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act, 2015," NCPCR said.

The panel in a letter to all principal secretaries said such directions issued by the state should be displayed on their website. "Also, the schools are directed to display the directions on the school's website and notice board. A copy of the directions be circulated and disseminated by the schools among parents for information," the letter said.

"Uniformity in the curriculum in all schools under RTE Act, 2009 and quality education for all children," the letter said.

The Commission has also asked them to send compliance with their recommendations within 30 days of the issue of the letter.

Speaking with this paper, NCPCR Chairperson Priyank Kanoongo said schools are "extorting money" to sell books by private publishers. "We have received complaints pan-India from parents that private schools are harassing and forcing them to buy books from private publications, which are very costly. Private schools are extorting money from parents. All schools should prescribe NCERT books from Class 1 to 12," he said.

Kanoongo said if the states flag such cases, they can step in and issue notices.

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# Only parliamentary enactments can create govt fact-check unit: Experts

**PREETHA NAIR** @New Delhi

THE Centre's proposal for a government fact-checking body to 'identify fake content online' – under the IT Rules Amendment – can only be set up through Parliamentary enactments, said cyber law experts and media watchdogs.

According to the new amendment, social media platforms, websites and other intermediaries will have to take down any information marked as "fake or misleading" by the body. Calling the changes introduced by the amendments as "alarming", Gayatri Malhotra of Internet Freedom Foundation (IIF), a leading advocacy group, told this paper that the role of the fact-checking body is quasi-judicial in nature and it cannot be set up through delegated legislation.

"A fact-check body can only be established through Parliamentary enactment and cannot be set up througw h delegated legislation," said Malhotra, adding that a fact-check serves as a de-facto takedown order minus the processes associated with one, which already lack adequate transparency.

"The ambiguity of terms such as 'fake', 'false' or 'misleading', coupled with the conflict of interest with having a designated unit appointed by the executive, deciding what about the Union government is true or false, makes these amendments highly likely to be misused," she said.

Editors Guild, Indian Newspaper Society and several others have urged the IT ministry to withdraw the notification on the fact-checking body while pointing out that the amendments will have "adverse implications" for press freedom. It was also pointed out that there was no consultation after the government withdrew the draft amendments it had put out in January 2023, which had given sweeping powers to the Press Information Bureau.

CPM Rajya Sabha MP John Brittas, a member of the Standing Committee on Information Technology (IT), said the amendments haven't been discussed in the committee.

"The changes have been unilaterally decided without discussion in the committee or with any stakeholders. There should be a process. It can't be an arbitrary action by an officer or the government," he said. "Media should be fact-checking the government. Now, it's ironic that the government gets absolute power to determine what is fake or not," said Brittas.

While the government hasn't mentioned any governing mechanism or judicial oversight for such a fact-checking unit, Malhotra said, "The amendment will cause intermediaries to prioritise taking down any content flagged by the fact-checking unit rather than risking the loss of their safe harbour protections.

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# 'Zorawar' to guard Himalayas beginning '27

**MAYANK SINGH** @New Delhi

INDIA'S ambitious indigenous project 'Zorawar' to design and develop Light Weight Tanks (LWT) for sector-specific operational requirements is expected to be ready for deployment in about four years, defence sources said.

"The prototype of the tank is expected at the end of this year or early 2024. After that the development phase will take 18 months to two years. The production will take another year," said a defence source.

A total of 354 light tanks are to be produced of which the DRDO will manufacture 59. The rest will be manufactured under the Make 1 Category.

Zorawar will weigh around 25 tonnes, armed with niche technologies to include Artificial Intelligence, drone integration, active protection system and a high degree of situational awareness, he said.

The Defence Acquisition Council accorded its approval for the ₹16,000 crore project for light weight tanks in December 2022. Zorawar Singh Kahluria was the famed Military General of Dogra King Gulab Singh and was adept at mountain warfare.

The Projects under 'Make-I' category will involve government funding of up to 90 per cent under the Defence Procurement Policy (2016). With this, the aim of the government is to push the Make in India initiative. This will foster indigenous capabilities through design and development of required defence equipment/product/systems by the both public and private sectors.

A lightweight agile platform with a high power-to-weight ratio with substantial firepower, protection, and surveillance-and-communication capabilities is essential to provide the Indian Army the versatility to execute operations in varying terrain against diverse threat and equipment profile of the adversaries. "An Armoured Fighting Vehicle-Indian Light Tank offering capability for multiple employment options along with niche technologies is therefore an operational imperative," said the source.

As reported earlier by this newspaper, Indian Light Tank is required to address sector specific operational requirements. "The Indigenous Indian Light Tank aptly named 'Zorawar' will be designed to operate from High Altitude Area, the marginal terrain to the Island territories and will be highly transportable for rapid deployment to meet any operational situation," said the defence source.

The need for the light tanks was felt during the standoff in the Eastern Ladakh where the Chinese PLA was able to induct a large number of technologically modern tanks which were a mix of medium and light tanks with a high-power-to-weight ratio.

The Indian Army had to induct a considerable number of T-72 and T-90 tanks in operational areas, gaining tactical surprise over the adversary and thereby forcing the adversary on the back foot.

**Army has vast experience of using light tanks**

Army has experience of successfully employing Light Tanks as Force Multipliers in all previous battle engagements in the past viz. Stuart Tanks of 254 Indian Tank Brigade in Battle of Kohima in World War II, at Naushera, Jhangar, Rajauri and most successfully at Zojila in the Indo-Pak war 1947-48. The requirement of a Light Tank capability which had proved to be a battle winning factor in mountainous and riverine terrain

**ANTI-TOBACCO CAMPAIGN**

An initiative has been taken in Nagaland to spread an anti-tobacco campaign from schools to homes. 'Tobacco Free Schools to Tobacco Free Homes' was launched by the State Health and Family Welfare Department on Friday.

2 MEN IN A MOTORCYCLE KILLED IN ACCIDENT IN UP'S GONDA

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# Assam gets Northeast's first AIIMS

PM slams Oppn, says some get disturbed when he talks about NDA's development initiatives

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday inaugurated AIIMS Guwahati, the North-East's first such facility. He laid the foundation stone for many development projects and dedicated to the nation other works worth more than ₹3,400 crore.

The other projects included a medical college each in Nagaon, Nalbari and Kokrajhar and Assam Advanced Health Care Innovation Institute. He also launched 'Aapke Dwar Ayushman' campaign by distributing Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana cards to eligible beneficiaries.

The PM used the occasion to go hard at the Opposition, saying "some people" get disturbed when he talks about the various development initiatives of his government.

"We find a new disease nowadays. Wherever in the country I go and talk about development that has taken place in the past nine years, some people get disturbed. They complain that they do not get credit despite ruling the country for decades," Modi told a gathering after inaugurating the AIIMS at Changsari on the outskirts of Guwahati.

He recalled how the "hunger for taking credit" and a sense of "lording over the masses" in the previous regimes had made the nation helpless.

PM Narendra Modi being felicitated by Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma during the inauguration of AIIMS and launch of other initiatives, in Guwahati on Friday | PTI

The PM said the previous governments had created a feeling of alienation towards the North-East and deemed it too far from the mainland but the NDA came with a service-oriented belief that makes the region approachable.

Referring to the decades of challenges before the region, he said development becomes impossible when the politics of dynasty, regionalism, corruption and instability start dominating. He said this happened with the country's healthcare system.

Later, speaking at a programme marking the platinum jubilee celebration of the Gauhati High Court, Modi said the aspirations of Indians in the 21st century are unbounded and the judiciary, as a pillar of democracy, has a strong and sensitive role to play in meeting these aspirations.

Underlining the combined responsibility of the legislature, judiciary and executive, he gave the example of the abolition of outdated laws.

"We repealed thousands of archaic laws, reduced compliances," he said, adding some 2,000 such laws and more than 40,000 compliances have been discontinued. This, along with the decriminalisation of many provisions of business, has reduced the number of cases in the courts, he said.

Later, the Prime Minister witnessed a Bihu dance performed by over 11,000 artistes at the Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati.

The event comes a day after the state etched its name in the Guinness World Records with the largest Bihu dance and drum performances in a single venue. Altogether 11,304 artistes had dished out the Bihu performance while 2,548 drummers put up another performance. "It is beyond imagination, it is phenomenal. This is Assam," he exclaimed.

# Game of turncoats plays out in battle for Jalandhar seat

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Jalandhar Lok Sabha by-election is turning out to be a game of turncoats as the political leaders are leaving one party and hopping on to the other. In the latest switch today, BJP's Mohinder Lal Bhagat from Jalandhar (West) joined AAP.

Of the four candidates from main political parties – the Congress, AAP, BJP and the Shiromani Akali Dal — two are turncoats. The by-poll is being seen as a litmus test for the ruling AAP as it had lost the last year's by-election in Sangrur.

**By-poll, a litmus test for AAP**

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One of the reasons for Bhagat's exit was the party's decision to choose Inder Iqbal Singh Atwal for the by-election. Atwal was a SAD MLA and recently joined the saffron party.

Inder Iqbal won the assembly election in 2002 from Koom Kalan (Ludhiana) but lost twice in 2007 and 2017 polls. His father Charanjit Atwal, who remained the deputy speaker of the Lok Sabha from 2004 to 2009 and twice speaker of the Punjab Assembly contested the 2019 Lok Sabha election from the Jalandhar constituency against Santokh Singh Chaudhary of Congress. He also twice won the assembly polls from Kartarpur and Phillaur constituencies.

Former Congress MLA Sushil Kumar Rinku joined AAP a few days ago in the presence of CM Bhagwant Mann and AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal. The very next day he was named the party candidate for the by-poll. Also, former SAD MLA from Jalandhar (Cantonment) Jagbir Brar joined AAP a few days back.

Another former Congress MLA from Kartarpur, Chaudhary Surinder Singh, joined AAP. Surinder is the son of late Congress minister Karamjit Kaur Chaudhary.

## SRINAGAR DIARY

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### Reduce pending cases in court, says CJ

Concerned over the pendency of cases, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court Chief Justice N Kotiswar Singh has issued a slew of directions to reduce the number of pending cases in the high court. "All the final hearing matters above 10 years shall be listed on Tuesday and Thursday and these days shall be kept exclusive as final hearing days on which no other non-hearing matter will be taken unless permitted by the Chief Justice," reads a circular issued by the Chief Justice. The circular states that such matters shall be reflected in the cause list as "Target Cases".

### Now, Tulip Garden introduced in Jammu

After Srinagar, the tulip garden has come up in the Sanasar area of Ramban district of Jammu province. The garden spread over 40 Kanals with 2.75 lakh Tulip bulbs of 25 different varieties is situated amid lush green woods in the Ramban district. Sanasar is the name given to two small villages of Sana and Sar named after small local lakes. The garden is expected to help boost tourism activities in the district, which lies on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway. The one in Sansar was inaugurated by J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on April 8.

### Citizens asked to spruce up premises for G-20

With Srinagar city getting a massive makeover with roads being beautified for G20 meeting, the administration has urged the public to spruce up their premises. Srinagar city is being given a new makeover. Nearly 21 heritage buildings, electric poles and other important junctions are being illuminated in tricolor. Road projects are under way in most parts of Srinagar. Men and machinery are working overtime to get the road upgrade projects completed ahead of time. The smart city projects have been put on fast track to ensure hassle-free movement of guests for G20 meet.

**COW VIGILANTE**

# 2 more held in murder of two Muslim youth

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

AFTER about two months, the Rajasthan Police has arrested two more accused men from Uttrakhand in the abduction and murder of two Muslim youth from Bharatpur in Rajasthan by suspected cow vigilantes in Haryana.

Sources said both the accused arrested by the Bharatpur Police are from Bhiwani district of Haryana. They have been identified as Narender Kumar, alias Monu Rana, who is a resident of Paluwas village in Bhiwani district and Monu alias Gogi, who a is resident of Bhiwani town.

As Nasir (27) and Junaid alias Juna (35), both residents of Ghatmeeka village in Bharatpur, Rajasthan were allegedly abducted by cow vigilantes on February 15. Their bodies were found inside a burnt vehicle in the Loharu area of Bhiwani in Haryana on February 16. The families of the victims had claimed that they were murdered by cow vigilantes. Earlier the police had arrested Rinku Saini, one of the eight men named as suspects.

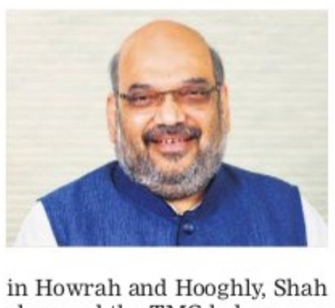
# Give us over 35 seats in '24, Bengal govt will get derailed before '25: Shah

PRANAB MANDAL @Kolkata

EYEING the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, Union Home minister on Friday sounded poll bugle in Bengal, setting a target of over 35 seats out of 42, encouraging to bring the BJP in power and electing Narendra Modi as the Prime Minister. He claimed that Mamata Banerjee's government in Bengal would get derailed before 2025.

"People of Bengal have given us 77 seats in the Assembly elections and it is a great responsibility. Give more than 35 seats to the BJP in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections and ensure Modiji become Prime Minister again. The only way to stop the crimes of Didi-Bhaipo (Mamata and her nephew Abhishek Banerjee) is to bring the BJP in power. It is the only political force to free Bengal from infiltration, cow smuggling and corruption. Bring the BJP in power in 2024 and Mamata Banerjee's government will collapse before 2025," said Shah while addressing a rally in Suri in Birbhum district.

Referring to the violence during Ram Navami processions



in Howrah and Hooghly, Shah slammed the TMC-led government. '"The attack on Ram Navami processions was a TMC fall out and its politics of appeasement. If you bring us in power, I can assure that no one will dare unleash attack on Ram Navami," he said.

Shah, however, did not talk about the issue of panchayat elections slated to be held in May in the state. It appears that the saffron camp is not aiming for the rural polls as the Lok Sabha elections is priority.

Hitting out at Mamata and Abhishek, Shah said, "Didi doesn't care about youth in Bengal. Her only target is to make her nephew the next CM of the state. Didi can dream as much as she can but it will be BJP that'll come to power."

# 50K Dalits convert to Buddhism in Gujarat, BJP calls it a conspiracy

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

APPROXIMATELY 50,000 Dalits from various parts of the state legally converted to Buddhism and renounced Hinduism on Dr BR Ambedkar Jayanti day on April 14 at a mass conversion ceremony in Gandhinagar.

Reacting to the development, the state BJP said that certain individuals lie to win over others for their cause and that there is a plot afoot in the name of the conversion.

On Friday, the Swayam Sainik Dal (SSD), a Rajkot-based Dalit organisation, assisted in the large-scale Deeksha ceremony. The ritual was presided over by Baudh bhikshu Pragya Ratna of the Great Ashoka Buddh Vihar in Porbandar, who also administerded the 'Deeksha' to thousands of attendees. SSD claimed more than 1,00,000 people attended the programme, including a rally.

Speaking to reporters, Shailesh Chauhan, a member of SSD, said, "About 50,000 people took Deeksa. This procedure has been going on for a long time and all conversion permits have been granted by the local collector and the administration. We estimate that more than 50,000 people have been participating in this conversion process. People from all over the country, including Gujarat participated in this process."

Gujarat BJP leaders disagreed with the conversion. BJP Scheduled Cast Morcha General Secretary Shambhunath Tundiya and BJP National President SC Morcha Lal Singh Arya stated that religious freedom is for everyone, but conversion due to misinformation is wrong. "Religious freedom is for everyone, but conversion is wrong. Some people change religion by making false allegations and spreading misinformation; I abhor such conversion," said Tundiya.

Religious conversion has been taking place in Gujarat for long. Converts have made complaints to media that even today a Dalit boy is not permitted to ride a horse or grow a mustache in the state. so they prefer to escape the humiliation by giving up the faith.

### MP CM announces decision to link Panch-Teerths of Ambedkar's life

Bhopal: Major politicians, including Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, his predecessor and state Congress chief Kamal Nath and ex-UP CM Akhilesh Yadav, visited Mhow (Indore) – the birthplace of Dr BR Ambedkar on his 132nd birth anniversary on Friday. The MP CM marked the occasion with a big decision – linking the Panch-Teerths (five pilgrimages) related to Dr Ambedkar's life, with the state government's flagship Mukhya Mantri Teerth Darshan Scheme. He also handed over the allotment letter of 3.5 acres land to Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Janm Smarak Memorial Society in Mhow.

# Stone laid for renovation of Omkareshwar temple

NARENDRA SETHI @ New Delhi

THE foundation stone for the renovation and restoration of Kotha Bhawan of Shri Omkareshwar Temple complex at Ukhimath, the winter worship place of Baba Kedarnath, and the work of expansion and beautification of the premises was laid on Friday.

Chief guest Badri Kedar Temple Committee Chairman Ajendra Ajay said the nearly three-decade-old demand for the renovation of the Kotha Bhavan has been fulfilled.

He was addressing the devotees and the general public after the ground-breaking ceremony. "The New Indian Express, the country's prestigious media group, has committed to spend ₹4.70 crore for the construction work of the first phase of the three-phase renovation work," said Ajay.

An MoU was signed between Badri Kedar Temple Committee and The New Indian Express Media Group last month for the renovation work.

Ajendra Ajay said, "On completion of the renovation work, the divine and grand form of Omkareshwar temple will emerge and Ukhimath will become a major centre of pilgrimage," said the BKTC chief.

The wedding venue (mandap) of Usha and Aniruddha will also become an attraction for 'destination weddings' in the future, as Lord Shri Krishna's grandson Aniruddha's marriage with Banasura's daughter Usha was solemnized at the sacred place.

Badri Kedar Temple Committee Chairman Ajendra Ajay at the bhoomi pujan | EXPRESS

**'Nearly 3 decade-old demand for renovation fulfilled'**

Chief guest Badri Kedar Temple Committee Chairman Ajendra Ajay said the nearly three-decade-old demand for the renovation of the Kotha Bhavan has been fulfilled. He was addressing the devotees and the general public after the ground-breaking ceremony. Ajendra Ajay said, "On completion of the renovation work, the divine and grand form of Omkareshwar temple will emerge and Ukhimath will become a major centre of pilgrimage," said the BKTC chief.

The BKTC chief said the Kotha Bhavan will be constructed as per the traditional style. In the first phase, the construction work of Bhairavnath temple, Barahi temple, Panchkedar temple, Bhog Mandi etc. will be taken up. In the second phase, Chandika Devi temple, the Usha-Aniruddha wedding site, Shankaracharya Gaddi Sthal etc. will be constructed. In the third phase, infrastructure facilities such as roads, parking, public facilities, waiting rooms etc. will be built outside the temple complex.

Those who participated in the foundation stone ceremony included the BKTC president, BJP Mahila Morcha state president Asha Nautiyal, Kedarnath MLA Shaila Rani Rawat, Nagar Panchayat president Vijay Rana, New Indian Express Group General Manager Avnish Singh. The event also marked the beginning of the work to expand and beautify Kotha Bhavan.

Speaking on the occasion, BJP's Mahila Morcha state chief Asha Nautiyal described the restoration work of Kotha Bhavan as a historic step. Nagar Panchayat president Vijay Rana, former block chief Laxmi Prasad Bhatt, former Nagar Panchayat president Rita Pushpan, and Kedar Sabha president Raj Kumar Tiwari appreciated the efforts of the BKTC president and The New Indian Express for starting the restoration work, describing it as a major achievement of Kedar Valley.

The program was conducted by Mrityunjay Hiremath. BKTC executive engineer Anil Dhyani, executive officer Ramesh Tiwari, among others.

# Jhansi encounter: A day after, cops lodge 3 FIRs against Atiq's son, aide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day after the police encounter of the son of gangster-turned-politician Atiq Ahmed, Asad and his accomplice Ghulam Mohammad, the autopsy report confirmed that Asad had received two bullet injuries. The UP police has lodged three FIRs in the encounter killing.

Meanwhile, Jhansi police filed three FIRs in the encounter of the two alleged criminals. Confirming the report, doctors at Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College, Jhansi, where his body was taken for post-mortem examination, claimed that Asad's aide Ghulam, who was also shot dead in the firing, suffered one bullet injury. Both the wanted men charged with the Umesh Pal murder case and carried a reward of ₹5 lakh each on their arrest, were killed in an encounter by the STF of UP police near Parischha Dam under Badagaon police station area on Jhansi-Babina road on Thursday.

Both had been absconding after committing the broad daylight murder of Umesh Pal in front of his house in Prayagraj on February 24, this year.

**Attempted to catch them alive, say UP cops**

The police filed three FIRs in connection with the encounter of Asad and Ghulam. They claimed in the FIR that they tried to catch the accused alive but had to retaliate to the indiscriminate firing by them. To verify the alleged confessional statements given by Atiq Ahmad about his ties to Pakistan-based ISI, terror outfit LeT, a team of UP Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) reached Prayagraj on Friday.

Dr Narendra Sengar, Principal, Maharani Laxmi Bai Medical College, Jhansi, on Friday said the police had brought the wanted men to the hospital where they were declared dead after a medical examination.

Sharing the details, Dr Sengar said: the post-mortem was carried out by a team of five doctors in the medical college.

"Asad had two bullet injuries whereas Ghulam had one. There were no signs of rigor mortis. I think they died 1.30-2 hours before they were brought to the hospital," Dr Sengar said. The bullet had pierced through a vital organ of Ghulam. He was profusely bleeding from his back when he was brought to the hospital.

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Meanwhile, to verify the alleged confessional statements given by Atiq Ahmad about his ties to Pakistan-based ISI, terror outfit LeT, a team of UP Anti-Terror Squad (ATS) reached Prayagraj on Friday. Sources said Atiq, who is in four-day police remand along with his brother Ashraf, also admitted that he had no dearth of weapons. A team of UP ATS, led by deputy superintendent of police, from Lucknow interrogated the gangster to authenticate his statements given in police custody remand.

LONG DAY

# Don answers questions for 7 hrs in NY fraud lawsuit

NEW YORK

FORMER President Donald Trump answered questions for nearly seven hours on Thursday during his second deposition in a legal battle with New York's attorney general over his firm's business practices, reversing an earlier decision to invoke his Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination and remain silent.

The Republican met all day with lawyers for Attorney General Letitia James, who sued Trump last year. Her lawsuit claims Trump and his family misled banks and business associates by giving them false information about his net worth and the value of assets.

Shortly after Trump entered the Manhattan skyscraper that houses James' offices, his attorney, Alina Habba, said he was "not only willing but also eager to testify."

After the deposition was finished, a lawyer for Trump's businesses, Christopher Kise, said the former president had spent nearly seven hours "describing in detail his extraordinary business success."

"The transactions at the centre of this case were wildly profitable for the banks and for the Trump entities," Kise said. "When the facts of this success, and not politically engineered soundbites, are out in the open, everyone will scoff at the notion any fraud took place."

The lawsuit is unrelated to the felony criminal charges filed against Trump by the Manhattan district attorney, which led last week to his historic arraignment.

James declined to answer a question about the deposition at a news conference on an unrelated matter on Wednesday. Trump previously met with James' lawyers on August 10, but refused to answer all but a few procedural questions, invoking his Fifth Amendment rights more than 400 times.

A civil trial for a sexual assault brought by former magazine columnist E. Jean Carroll against Trump is scheduled to start in New York later this month. *AP*

# US airman charged over leak of secret documents

NORTH DIGHTON

A 21-year-old US national guardsman was charged on Friday with the "unauthorised retention and transmission" of a trove of classified United States government documents.

Jack Teixeira appeared in federal court in Boston following a week-long probe into one of the most damaging leaks of secrets since the 2013 dump of National Security Agency documents by Edward Snowden.

His dramatic arrest was broadcast live on *US TV* networks on Thursday following a week-long investigation into one of the most damaging leaks of classified information since the 2013 dump of National Security Agency documents by Edward Snowden.

US Attorney General Merrick Garland told reporters on Thursday that Teixeira had been arrested "in connection with an investigation into alleged unauthorised removal, retention and transmission of classified national defence information."

News footage of the operation in the southern Massachusetts town of North Dighton showed the suspect dressed in red shorts and a T-shirt with his hands behind his head, backing slowly toward rifle-armed, camouflage-clad law enforcement personnel who took him into custody.

Suspect national guardsman Jack Teixeira being taken into custody by FBI agents in North Dighton, in Massachusetts on Thursday. Inset: Jack Teixeira | AFP

Police in the small town in the northeastern state sought to reassure the community about the heavy law enforcement presence, saying in a statement that there was "no threat to public safety."

The US National Guard Bureau said Teixeira had enlisted in September 2019 and was an IT and communications specialist who reached the rank of airman first class — the third-lowest for enlisted air force personnel.

US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin issued a statement praising the Justice Department and FBI "for their swift arrest in connection with this investigation."

Austin added that he was ordering a "review of our intelligence access, accountability and control procedures within the (Defence) Department to inform our efforts to prevent this kind of incident from happening again."

Teixeira's arrest came a day after *The Washington Post* reported that hundreds of pages of documents had been posted on the social media platform Discord by a man who worked on a US military base. *AFP*

# In a victory for Macron, French court approves higher pension age

PARIS

FRANCE'S Constitutional Council on Friday approved an unpopular plan to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 in a victory for President Emmanuel Macron after three months of mass protests over the legislation that have damaged his leadership.

The banner reform in the legislation to raise the retirement age from 62 to 64 was validated by the nine-member Constitutional Council after almost three months of protests opposing the measure.

Six minor proposals were rejected, including efforts to force large companies to publish data on how many people over 55 they employ, and a separate idea to create a special contract for older workers.

Macron's office said on Friday he would enact the law in the coming days, and he has said he wants it implemented by the end of the year. PM Elisabeth Borne said Friday's decision "marks the end of the institutional and democratic path of this reform," adding that there was "no victor" in what has turned into a nationwide standoff and France's worst social unrest in years.

Police expect up to 10,000 people to gather again in Paris on Friday night, with the presence of several hundred leftwing radicals raising fears of more vandalism and clashes that have marred recent rallies. Thousands of protesters gathered in front of Paris city hall and booed the court decision. *Agencies*

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is given on behalf of my Clients who intend to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property, situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore.

Therefore any person(s) having any claim in respect of the referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, lien, hypothecation, transfer of title or beneficial interest under any trust right of prescription or pre-emption under any Agreement or other disposition or under any decree, order or awarded otherwise claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned within a period of 15 days of the publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will be deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No. 10, Old Khatha No. 18/3, present Khatha No. 2534/9/10/1, formed in converted Sy. No. 18/3, vide Order No. B.Dis.ALN.SR(S)241/96-97, dated. 15.01.1997 of Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South 40 Feet and bounded on the **East by**: Road, **West by**: Private Property, **North by**: Site No. 11, **South by**: Site No. 9 owned by the Vendor and being purchased by the Purchaser through separate Sale Deed.

**C. GANGADHAR** Advocate & Notary
No. 146 (5), 1st Floor, 26th Cross, Yediyur, Jayanagar 6th Block, Bengaluru - 560 070.
Mobile No. 98453 47074
Bengaluru Date: 14.04.2023

**NOTICE TO GENERAL PUBLIC**

Under the instructions of my client I am issuing the following public notice that, the below mentioned Original Hakku Pathra issued by the Govt. of Mysore by its dated 05/01/1973 to G. Muniyappa, S/o Gurappa Site No. 106, situated at Munekolala Village, Vartur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore measuring east to west 30 feet and north to south 40 feet has been lost by my client while travelling near Anandnagar on 05/04/2023 and in this regard my client **Sri J. Anilkumar**, S/o Late M. Jayaram has given online police complaint on 05/04/2023 the same could not be traced. If anybody finds the same, please handover to the below said address or contact me

**S.N. RAMAPRASAD**, Advocate
No.165, 2nd Floor, Near Central Library, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. Mob: 9845654794.

**PUBLIC NOTICE IN RESPECT OF DOCUMENT LOST**

Under the instructions from my clients **Sri. B M Kadaiah** and **Smt. K.Kamala** Residing at No.521, Himabindu Nilaya, 1st Cross, cashier Layout, Tavarekere, 1st Stage, BTM Layout, Bangalore - 560029, General Public are hereby informed that our client already purchased the immovable property bearing Site No.3, formed in the land bearing Sy.No.98/3 situated in Tavarekere Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.66, measuring East west 60 feet and North to South 33 feet purchased from Nagarja.M son of late Muniyappa through absolute sale deed registered as document **No.BAS-1-22027/2003-04, stored in CD No.BASD6 dated 04-02-2004** in the office of the Sub Sub Registrar, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, the said sale deed is misplaced or lost from my client custody and it was not traced inspite of best effort. We already lodged the police complaint dated 09-12-2008 and obtained the acknowledgment,

If anyone found original sale deed dated 04-02-2004 may kindly inform undersigned counsel of my client,

**M. S. VISHWANATHA,** Advocate
No.1795, 40th A Cross, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041
Ph: 9844704705, 7406811007

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My clients **Sri. S Kasilingam,** S/o. late V Selladurainadar and **Smt. Muthuselvi K** W/o. S Kasilingam are proposed to purchase the Schedule property from **Sri. R. Ramesh,** S/o Sri. Ramachandrappa. That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof within (10) Ten days from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the Agricultural land bearing New Sy No. 6/8, Old Sy No. 6/2, measuring 1 acre 26 guntas and 4 gunta kharab totally 1 acre 30 guntas Situated at Chinumandanahalli/ Chinuvandahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk Bangalore Rural District **East by** : Land belongs to Sri. Akkalappa, **West by** : Land belongs to Smt. Varalakshmamma W/o Narayanaswamy C, **North by** : Government Road, **South by** : Land belongs to Rajanna, Venkatesh and CT Krishnappa

**A. P. Law Associates**
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main 1st Cross Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park) Bengaluru-560021
Mob:- 6362583397/9844378777
Place: Bengaluru Date: 12.04.2023

**EAST COAST RAILWAY**

Tender No. SANDT_REPL_EXCH_WAT

**Name of Work:** REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADATION OF TELECOM ASSETS OVER WALTAIR DIVISION.

**Advertised Value:** ₹70,39,190/-, **EMD:** ₹1,40,800/-, **Completion Period of the work:** 06 Months.

**Bidding Start Date:** 18.04.2023 **Date & time of Tender Closing:** 02.05.2023, 1500 hrs.

Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Complete information including e-Tender documents of the above e-Tenders is available in website **http://www.ireps.gov.in**

Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer(Telecom)/ Waltair

PR-57/O/23-24

**Deputy Commissioner & District Election Office, Dharwad-580001**

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( Corrigendum)

Please refer public notice page number 5 of this paper published on **14-4-2023**. In column **2** Navalgund constituency number should be read as **69** instead of **169**

**Sd/- District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad District, Dharwad**

**NOTICE**

To:
All the Members,
The Bengaluru Tamil Sangam (Regd.)
No.59, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru-560042.

I am a Life Member of the Bengaluru Tamil Sangam (Regd.). The Returning Officer issued calendar of events scheduling the election to the Working Committee of the Sangam on 16.04.2023 at the premises of the Sangam.

I have filed W.P. No.8255/2023 calling in question its legality. On 13.04.2023, the Hon'ble Court while ordering notice of petition on the respondents has passed an Ad Interim Order deferring the elections scheduled on 16.04.2023 and posted the matter to 19.04.2023.

Sd/-
**Tamil Selvi**
**Life Member**
The Bengaluru Tamil Sangam (Regd.) Bengaluru.

**JODHPUR VIDYUT VITARAN NIGAM LIMITED**

(MATERIAL MANAGEMENT & CONTRACT WING) NEW POWER HOUSE, INDUSTRIAL AREA, JODHPUR-342003 PHONE: (0291) 2742223, FAX: (0291) 2746539

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

E-Procurement Tenders are invited for 11 KV Cross Arm (Angle) with Clamp and Top Hamper under TN-1872 (UBN JVV2324GLOB00072) and Rate contract of fabrication of various steel items including transportation of raw material under TN-1873 (UBN JVV2324GLOB00071) Details regarding Quantity, Tender cost, Earnest Money, Schedule date of tender opening for aforesaid tenders areavailable on our website at **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl** and also at **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**.

**Raj.Samwad/C/23/572** **SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM&C)**

बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

General Public is/are hereby informed that my clients are intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from its registered owner viz., **SRI MOHAN KUMAR. C**, S/o Sri Chinnappa, residing at No 62/8, Third Floor, Lakedew Residency, Haralur Road, Bengaluru -560102. If any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim over the below mentioned property, he/she/they is/are at liberty to file his/her/their objections/claims if any with documentary proof within 10 days to the below mentioned address. Failing which, my clients will proceed to purchase said property as there is no objections/claims on the property. Any objections/claims received **after 10 days** will not bind on my clients.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing vacant Site No 323, formed out of residentially converted Sy No 78/3, BBMP Katha No 286/323, BDA Katha No KA/A/(PU)/323/ Reliaable Lakedew Residency/2004-05, measuring East to West 50 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 1500 Sq feet, situated at Haralur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on:

East by : Road
West by : Site No 318
North by : Site No 322
South by : Site No 324.

**Sd/- (VENKATARAMANA REDDY)**
**Advocate,** No.85/1, II Floor, 19th Main, Sector-1,HSR Layout Layout,Bengaluru-560102.
**Mob : 9844130703**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the General Public that our client **A. Takappa, S/o A. Jambanna,** is intending to purchase the immovable property bearing New No. 3 (Old No. 1/1), PID No.100-243-3, Chikkamarenahalli, Sy.No. 1/1, Ward No. 100, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet situated at Chikkamarenahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru, which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder belonging to **N.S.Surendranath, S/o late N.R.Subbaiah Shetty,** aged about 81 years.

Our client states that should there be any valid objections with respect to the right, title and interest of the schedule property at the instance of any interested person the same could be notified with supporting documents with the undersigned counsels within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any objection or proper documents, our client will assume that there is no objection or encumbrance whatsoever from any interested person and proceed to conclude the sale formality.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of property bearing New No. 3 (Old No 1/1), PID No. 100-243-3, Chikkamarenahalli, Sy.No.1/1, Ward No. 100 Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet situated at Chikkamarenahalli, Sanjaynagar, Bengaluru and bounded by **East** : Site No. 4, **West** : Site No. 2, **North by** : Road, **South by** : M Somashekar's property.

**Satish .G. Raikar,**
**K. Nagaraja & Neelu .B.S.**, Advocates
No. 401/1, 1st Floor, Swastik Complex, Opp. Sheshadripuram, Police Station, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560 020.
Ph: 9449101298, 9880821564, 7760044692

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Our client states that the following original documents in respect of Schedule Property has been misplaced: Regd., Sale Deed dated 27.07.1995, Document No.3250/1995-96, Book No.1, Volume No.3804, in the office of the Sub-Registrar Shivajinagar, Bengaluru in respect of House bearing No.8 of P1 sector XIII have been misplaced/lost and is not traceable immediately. We hereby call upon the public if anyone found the above said document, kindly hand over to undersigned immediately and they may be suitable awarded, and also we further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule Property on the basis of the above said original document in respect of the Schedule Property, same will be an offence and they are liable to punish under the Criminal Act. Therefore, we are call upon the general public not to deal with the Schedule Property on the basis of above said original documents which is standing in the name of Smt. Sunita Gupta, W/o. Late Girish Chandra. Certified copy of the Sale Deed bearing No. 3250/1995-96 dated 27.07.1995 favouring Smt. Sunita Gupta, W/o. Late Girish Chandra will be obtained from the Sub Registrar office and same shall be treated as original title deed of Smt. Sunita Gupta, W/o. Late Girish Chandra with respect to the Schedule Property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All that piece and parcel of the property House bearing No.8 of P1 sector XIII, measuring East to West 6.53 Mtrs and North to South 20.25 Mtrs totally measuring 132.23 Sq. Mtrs, situated in Kodihalli Village in Jeevan Bim Nagar, HAL III Stage, Bengaluru with building thereon and bounded on **East by:** House No P1-7; **West by:** House No P-9; **North by:** Road F6; **South by:** House No.P-38;

**A. P. Law Associates**
No. 1642/28, 3rd Main 1st Cross Ramamohanpuram Near Srirampura Metro Station, (Behind Devaiah Park) Bengaluru-560021.
Mob:- 9844378777/6362583397
Place: Bengaluru Date: 12.04.2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public are hereby informed that my client intend to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner **Sri.D.Koti Reddy, Son of Late Lakshma Reddy,** residing at No.391, 13th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560080. Any Person/s or Institution/s having any Claim/s or Objection/s in respect of the Schedule Property may file the same along with supporting documentary evidence with the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no claim/s or objection/s is / are received by the undersigned within **7 days** as stated above, my client will proceed further as the property is free from all claim/s and objection/s.

**SCHEDULE**

All that piece and parcel of the entire **50% Developed Residential Plots/Saleable Area** to be allotted to the share of the Owner-Sri.D.Koti Reddy, in the layout proposed to be formed by the Chamarajanagara-Ramasamudra Urban Development Authority in the lands detailed below, situated at **Chamarajanagar Village and Masagapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagara Taluk and District:**

| Sl. No. | Sy. No. | Extent | Village |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 9/6 | 05 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 2. | 9/7 | 19 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 3. | 11/3 | 04 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 4. | 11/4 | 12 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 5. | 12/3 | 05 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 6. | 12/4 | 18 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 7. | 9/1 | 01 Acre 07 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 8. | 9/2A | 10 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 9. | 9/2B | 05 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 10. | 9/3A | 17 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 11. | 9/3B | 05 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 12. | 9/4 | 16 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 13. | 9/5 | 19 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 14. | 12/6 | 13 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 15. | 12/5B | 12 Guntas | Masagapura Village |
| 16. | 109/1A | 1 Acre 13 Guntas and Kharab Land of 25 Guntas | Chamarajanagara Village |
| 17. | 110 | 1 Acre 03 Guntas and Kharab land of 01 Guntas | Chamarajanagara Village |
| | Total | 10 Acres 30 Guntas | |

**The said lands are collectively bounded on:**
**East by : National Highway 209; West by : Private lands;**
**North by : Private lands; South by : Private lands and Stream;**

**H.UMASHANKAR,** Advocate,
No: 8, 80 feet Road, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-560040

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the Public that the Sale Deed dated 27.12.2000 registered at the office of the Additional District Registrar BDA Bangalore as Document No.2813/2000-2001. Volume No.55, Book 1, pages 209 -214 executed by BDA in favour of Sri L. Krishna Naik. The Present Owner of the Schedule Property Sri. Shivakumar. R had lost the original Sale Deed dated 27.12.2000. If any person coming across the above original tital deeds shall immediately handover the same to the undersigned. If Any person. who has/have claim on the Schedule property, may lodge such claim with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or objections received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is no objections or claim(s) on the schedule property.

**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Site No.221, New Municipal No.221/ 196/221, situated at 3rd Block, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru - 560072, Presently under BBMP Limits BBMP Ward No.73, measuring East to West: 40-0feet and North to South : 60-0 feet, totaly measuring 2400 square feet and bounded by: **East by :** Site No.220, **West by :** Site No.222, **North by :** Site No.211, **South by :** Road.

**Ravi M B, Advocate**
#69, 8th Main, S.K. Layout, Jnanajyothinagar, Bangalore - 560 056
Mob: 9036074066

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given to the public that Smt. Sowmithri Ranganathan has agreed to sell my client the **Site bearing 528** more particularly described in the Schedule hereunder free from all encumbrances.

Any person having any claim in respect thereof by way of right, title, interest or demand or in relation to sale, mortgage, exchange, gift, charge, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien or otherwise of any nature whatsoever in respect of the above Site is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiation shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

**SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO**

Site No.528, bearing PID No. 450/528 in the Layout formed by the Indian Institute of Science Employees House Building Co-operative Society Ltd., situated at Kodigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore 560092, now known as "BHARATRATHNA J.R.D.TATA NAGAR" comprised in several survey numbers pursuant to acquisition of land under preliminary notifications dated 31/07/1986 and 12/03/1987 and final notifications dated 02/04/1987 and 07/04/1988 and the Re-modified Plan of the layout having been approved by the BDA under its Work Order No.BDA/TPM/1791/2001-02, dated 12.11.2001 and admeasuring and bounded as follows: East to West : 40.0 feet or 12.192 meters, North to South : 61 feet or 18.593 meters, Total area : 2440 sq.ft or 222.96 sq.mtrs. East by: Site No.529, West by: Site No.527, North by: Road, South by: Private Property.

**SREE REKHA SN ,** Advocate
No.68, 33rd Cross, Vysya Bank Colony, J.P. Nagar I Phase, Bangalore 560 078

**TPSODL**

**TP SOUTHERN ODISHA DISTRIBUTION LIMITED**
**(Procurement Department)**
**Call Center / Training Center, Duduma Colony, Ambagada, Berhampur, Odisha-760006**

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER** **Dt: 15.04.2023**

**TP Southern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPSODL)** invites tender from eligible vendors for following:

| Sl. No. | Tender Description | NIT Number | EMD (Rs.) | Tender Fee inclusive of GST (Rs.) | Last date and time of Payment of Tender Fee |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Rate Contract for Engineering, Supply, Erection & Commissioning of new 33/0.433 KV PSS in Boudh district for DHH on "Turnkey Contract Basis". | TPSODL/OT/ 2023-24/004 | 2 Lacs | 5,000 | 28.04.2023; 18:00 Hrs. |
| 2. | Rate Contract with 1 year validity for shifting of Lines and substations from the premises of various School and Anganwadi centers of TPSODL. | TPSODL/OT/ 2023-24/005 | 2 Lacs | 5,000 | 28.04.2023; 18:00 Hrs. |

For detailed tender, please visit Tender Section on TPSODL website **https://www.tpsouthernodisha.com**

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8% rise in edible oil imports year-on-year in March to 11.35 lakh tonne, industry body SEA on Friday said

# IT services firms bet big on generative AI

Infosys CEO Salil Parekh said company is leveraging generative artificial intelligence capabilities for clients

UMA KANNAN @Bengaluru

IT services firms have been ramping up investments in generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) even before OpenAI's ChatGPT took the world by storm. ChatGPT has triggered a new AI race that all IT companies are now betting big on generative AI.

Infosys CEO Salil Parekh Parekh said that the company is leveraging generative AI capabilities for the clients. During a press conference after announcing Q4 results, Parekh said, "We anticipate generative AI to provide more opportunities for work with our clients and also enable us to improve our own productivity. Within the company today we have active programmes and projects with clients working with generative AI platforms to address specific areas, processes and libraries within their business."

He added that they have trained open source generative AI platforms on the company's internal software development libraries. Infosys was one of the early backers of OpenAI.

The company has moved quickly into driving generative AI within its business.

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Amazon Web Services (AWS) has announced new tools for building with generative AI service through its cloud computing platform. "Generative AI is a type of AI that can create new content and ideas, including conversations, stories, images, videos, and music. Like all AI, generative AI is powered by ML models - very large models that are pre-trained on vast amounts of data and commonly referred to as Foundation Models (FMs)," it said in a blog post. Recently, JP Morgan in a note to clients said that IT companies such as TCS and Infosys can retrain staff(on AI) faster than smaller peers. Earlier, Alphabet and Microsoft also announced their in-house developments of generative AI.

### THE POWER OF GENERATIVE AI

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- Amazon announces its own generative AI via cloud computing platform
- Infosys is training open-source generative AI platforms on its software development libraries
- Infy was one of the first backers of OpenAI
- According to reports, the generative AI market will reach

- $51.8 billion by 2028
- TCS says generative AI topic is dominating conversations with clients
- TCS running pilots and plans a centre of excellence around the technology

### Generative AI market to grow to $51.8 bn by 2028

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## ASIANOMICS

### PAKISTAN

**UAE APPROVES ADDITIONAL $1 BN FUNDING TO PAKISTAN**

Ishaq Dhar, finance minister of Pakistan, on Friday announced that the UAE has approved $1 billion in financial support, taking the cash-strapped country a step closer to unlocking the crucial IMF bailout. The country is tackling a major economic crisis as it awaits a $1.1 billion tranche of funding from the US-based IMF, part of a $6.5 billion bailout package the IMF approved in 2019. Dar said the Gulf country has confirmed its commitment to the global fund, paving way for the staff-level agreement to unlock a $1.1 billion loan by the global lender. Earlier, the UAE rolled over its deposits of $2 billion in January this year. The finance minister also announced that the global fund is getting the third and last disbursement from the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) of $300 million, out of its $1.3 billion loan.

### ASIA

**ASIAN STOCKS RISE ON GLOBAL CUES**

Asian markets advanced on Friday after inflation for March in the US eased and China reported unexpectedly strong exports. Shares in Shanghai, Tokyo and Seoul gained while Hong Kong market remained unchanged. Japan's Nikkei 225 rose 1% to 28,449.50 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng was steady at 20,344.11. The Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.3% to 3,329.38 after customs data on Thursday showed China's March exports rose 14.8% year-on-year. South Korea's Kospi advanced 0.6% to 2,578.41 and Sydney's S and P-ASX 200 was 0.5% higher at 7,359.10. Singapore and Jakarta markets gained while New Zealand declined. Indian markets were closed for a holiday. Most Asian markets traded in the green as traders hope weakening inflation might prompt the Federal Reserve and other central banks to postpone interest rate hikes to boost business and consumer activity. In the US, the S&P 500 rose to 4,146.22, the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.1% to 34,029.69, and the Nasdaq jumped 2% to 12,166.27.

### SRI LANKA

**MAY EXPORT 1,00,000 ENDANGERED MONKEYS TO CHINA**

Cash-strapped Sri Lanka is reportedly exploring the possibility of exporting 1,00,000 endangered monkeys to China, one of its largest bilateral lenders. According to a news portal Economy Next report, the country's agriculture minister Mahinda Amaraweera has asked officials to study China's request to procure toque macaques. The toque macaque is classified as endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) red list and it is endemic to Sri Lanka. The minister reportedly said the request for 1,00,000 monkeys to be exhibited at over 1,000 Chinese zoos. China made the request at a time when the local authorities have taken several measures to contain the monkey population. The proposed sale comes at a time when the country faces its worst-ever economic crisis.

# Russia oil export soars to record high in March

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

SANCTIONS on Russian oil by Western countries failed to have any major impact as the country's oil export soared in March 2023 to the highest level since April 2020.

According to the monthly oil market report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the oil shipments rose by 0.6 million barrels per day (mb/d) to 8.1 million barrels a day, with crude supply climbing 450 kb/d (thousand barrels per day) month-on-month to 3.1 million barrels per day. Russia's revenue in March 2023 from oil export rebounded by $1 billion to $12.7 billion, but was 43% lower than a year ago.

Ever since war broke out between Russia and Ukraine, Western countries have either shunned or stopped purchasing crude oil from Russia. In December 2022, the European Union (EU) and its G7 allies imposed a price of $60 per barrel cap on the export of Russian crude to stop Russia making 'profit from oil and funding war in Ukraine'. In February 2023, they also banned imports of refined petroleum products from Russia, including diesel and jet fuel. However, Russia diversified its export to Asia, Africa, Middle East and Turkiya. According to data from energy analytics company Vortexa, China and India imported 91% of Russia's crude oil exports in March 2023. India, which used to import less than 2% of Russian crude, imports 35% of its oil imports from Russia.

# iPhone maker takes big strides in India

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

AS the US tech giant Apple is eyeing to expand its manufacturing capacity in India from 5-7% to 25%, the government on Friday said it is in regular touch with the company to support its business.

India has gained from Apple's efforts to shift some of its productions out of China, which currently produces 85% of iPhones.

In 2022, its plants in China faced a complete shutdown due to China's zero-Covid policy. Also, the simmering tension between the US and the Chinese government has forced the American technology companies to shift their base to India or Vietnam.

"Apple is continuously expanding their operations in India... We are in regular touch with Apple, MeITY (Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology) is also in touch with them... We hand-hold them because in a way, the eyes of the whole world are fixed on Apple," said the minister.

According to CyberMedia Research (CMR), the iPhone maker captured 4% market share in the country with a 17% year-on-year increase in its shipments in 2022. It sold nearly 6.7 million units in 2022, as against 4.8 million in 2021 and 2.7 million in 2020. The Cupertino-based company has started assembling the latest iPhone 14 models in India, weeks after its launch.

Apple CEO Tim Cook in an earnings call in February 2023 said that India is a hugely exciting market for Apple and is a major focus. The company actually did fairly well through COVID in India.

The firm on 11 April announced the opening dates of its first two retail stores in India ~ Apple BKC in Mumbai on April 18 and Apple Saket in Delhi on April 20.

As per the India Cellular and Electronics Association (ICEA), in March 2023, Apple made record exports of iPhones from India at $1.14 billion (over ₹8,200 crore), surpassing its earlier record export in December 2022. It has surpassed exports of ₹40,000 crore in FY23, which is four times up from the last year. Growth in Apple's footprint in India can be attributed to the ₹40,951 crore PLI scheme for smartphones. In India, Apple's iPhones are manufactured by its contract manufacturers Foxconn, Wistron and Pegatron, and all of them are part of the PLI scheme.

## EXPRESS READ

### NSE to launch WTI crude, gas futures

NEW DELHI: NSE on Friday said it will launch futures contracts on WTI crude oil and natural gas in commodity derivatives segment from May 15. Last month it received nod from Sebi to launch Nymex WTI crude oil and natural gas futures contracts. *PTI*

### 'RINL disinvestment under progress'

NEW DELHI: There is no freeze on the disinvestment process of RINL, the steel ministry clarified on Friday. Clarifying some media reports regarding the hold on the disinvestment process, the ministry, in a statement, said that the disinvestment process of RINL is in progress. *PTI*

# Murdoch's Bodhi Tree cuts investment in RIL Group firm Viacom18

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

MEDIA mogul James Murdoch-backed Bodhi Tree has reduced its planned investment in billionaire Mukesh Ambani-promoted Reliance's broadcast venture Viacom18 by about 70% and will be pumping in ₹4,306 crore.

Bodhi Tree had last year committed ₹13,500 crore in the planned 15,000-plus investment in Viacom 18 but the strategic partnership statement between the different parties shows that Reliance is infusing ₹10,839 crore and only ₹4,306 crore contributed by Bodhi Tree.

While Viacom18, a joint venture between Ambani's Reliance and Paramount Global, didn't specify as to why Bodhi Tree reduced its pledged investment, reports say this decision by Bodhi may have come due to a broader funding squeeze amid a slowdown in dealmaking activities. Murdoch had announced Bodhi Tree with former Disney executive Uday Shankar last year. Qatar Investment Authority is the largest investor in Bodhi Tree.

When Viacom18 and Bodhi had inked a partnership in April last year to help pivot Indian media to a "streaming-first", Reliance had said that it would invest Rs 1,645 crores ($216 million) through its subsidiary--Reliance Projects & Property Management Services Limited -- in Viacom18.

Following the changes in previously committed investment, Bodhi Tree's shareholding in Viacom18 is reduced from an expected 39% to 13.08% on a fully diluted basis. As Viacom18 has completed the transaction for strategic partnership with Reliance, Bodhi Tree Systems and Paramount Global, it believes that partnership will enable them to innovate and disrupt the M&E sector.

### RBI

# Forex reserves rise by $6 bn to $584.75 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

INDIA'S forex reserves rose by $6.31 billion to reach nine-month high of $584.755 billion for the week ended April 7, according to data released by the Reserve Bank on Friday.

In the last reporting week, the forex reserves snapped a two-week rising trend to decline by $329 million to $578.45 billion. For the week ended April 7, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, increased by $4.74 billion to $514.431 billion, according to the Weekly Statistical Supplement released by the RBI on Friday.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves. Gold reserves rose by $1.496 billion to $46.696 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by $58 million to $18.45 billion, the apex bank said.

# After Maruti, M&M, Tata Motors to hike PV prices for 2nd time in CY23

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

CAR prices are showing no signs of slowing down. After Maruti Suzuki, Mahindra & Mahindra, Honda Cars, Mercedes Benz and others, Tata Motors has now announced a fresh price hike for its passenger vehicle (PV) lineup.

This would be the second time this calendar year that the home-grown auto major would be increasing the prices of its four-wheelers.

Tata Motors' fresh hike would be effective from May 1, 2023, and the weighted average increase will be 0.6%, depending on the variant and model.

"Tata Motors has been absorbing a significant portion of the increased costs on account of regulatory changes & rise in overall input costs and is hence compelled to pass on some proportion through this hike," said Tata Motors in a statement on Friday. Tata in February 2023 had increased prices of its entire internal combustion engine PV range with the average price hike being 1.2%. The two hikes of CY23 are coming after the company had increased PV prices four times in CY2022 with the cumulative price hike working out to 3.45%.

Other carmakers had also increased the prices of their models by 3-4 times in CY2022 and attributed the same to a steep rise in commodity prices. The fresh hike, however, is mostly attributed to changes in emission norms. Starting April 1 2023, vehicles will be required to have an onboard self-diagnostic device to monitor real-time driving emission levels. Maruti Suzuki, India's largest carmaker, had increased the prices of its cars from April 1, 2023, by about 0.8% (weighted average).

According to reports, SUV major Mahindra & Mahindra has silently increased prices of the Thar model by up to Rs 1.05 lakh, Scorpio-N SUV by Rs 51,000 and the XUV700 by up to ₹ 71,400.

### Recent price hikes by carmakers

- **Kia India** — March 1: up to ₹50,000
- **MG Motor** — March 1: up to ₹60,000
- **Mercedes** — April 1: ₹2-12 lakh
- **Mahindra goes for a Steep hike** — Thar: Up to ₹1.05 lakh; XUV700: up to ₹71,000

| Tata Motors | | Maruti Suzuki |
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| May 1: 6% (weighted average) | Feb 1: 1.2% (weighted average) | April 1: 8% (weighted average) |

# NCLT extends deadline for FRL insolvency proceedings

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @Mumbai

THE National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has granted an extension of 90 days to complete the bankruptcy proceedings of Future Retail Ltd (FRL). The lenders of debt-ridden FRL had sought extension for concluding the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) of the Kishore Biyani-promoted company. The new deadline to complete the resolution process is July 15.

"NCLT on April 13, 2023, heard the application and granted the said exclusion of 90 days from CIRP of FRL and consequent extension for completion of CIRP till July 15, 2023," said FRL in a regulatory filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange on Friday.

The resolution process has gained momentum once again after seeing muted response from bidders earlier. Several firms, including Reliance Retail, JC Flowers, Jindal Power, and UK-based travel retailer WH Smith Travel have expressed their interest to acquire the debt-ridden company. FRL, on Monday, announced that 49 firms have submitted expressions of interest (EoIs) to buy assets of the company. The resolution professional has also filed an application before the Mumbai bench of the NCLT, seeking directions with respect to gaining access to the inaccessible stores and warehouses of FRL. The debt-ridden company currently has access to 302 leased retail stores, consisting of 30 large format stores such as Big Bazaar and FBB stores and 272 small format stores.

# Not easy for Birlas to disrupt hierarchy in paint industry: Berger Paints CEO

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

AS Berger Paints is set to complete its 100 years this year, it faces a ₹10,000 crore challenge from a corporate behemoth that is ready to disrupt the paint industry.

The ₹62,000 crore paint industry, which is dominated by Berger Paints and Asian Paints (both household names), is ready for a shakeup with the entry of KM Birla group's Grasim Industries, which last year announced ₹10,000 crore capex for its foray into the sector. Abhijit Roy, CEO and of Kolkata-based Berger Paints, feels the entry of Birlas will disrupt the market, but it won't be easy for any new entrant to displace the two top players – Asian Paints and Berger Paints.

Roy, who talked exclusively to TNIE, feels Birlas' entry poses a threat for incumbents like Berger Paints, because they have deep pockets and they are investing big.

"They will obviously spend heavily on advertisement, on dealer push, etc. We expect some fireworks there. We are prepared for that mentally. ... no one is going to leave or spare market share," says the Berger Paint CEO. Roy was candid enough to admit that they may see slower revenue growth due to the entry of Birlas.

"Our growth rate has been compounded at 14% over the past 20 years. Maybe, we would lose about 4% growth and come down to 10%," says Roy. However, he says if they do certain things better, they could grow at 12%. "So, it's not a major transformational thing that is going to happen as far as we are concerned, and we should still continue to be able to grow at a reasonable pace. This is our feeling," says Roy. Asian Paints is the leader in the domestic market with about 40% market share, while Berger and Nerolac come distant second and third with 12% and 11% market share, respectively. Roy says the industry is a difficult market to break into and many new entrants including MNCs in the past have not been able to dislodge the hierarchy in the sector. "The industry establishes itself with dealers, contractors and consumers. All three have to be cracked together in order to penetrate the market. So, that's not an easy thing to do, and so we don't expect too much change in the market," Roy says.

He cites the example of the Bangladesh market, where Berger is the market leader, and Asian Paints has 1/4th of its market share.

"A company like Asian Paints, which is by far the largest company in India, is 1/4th our size in Bangladesh. They have tried everything. They have tried the pricing route; they put in two times the number of people on the ground in order to break through the distribution network; they advertised heavily. They tried all the tricks in the trade, and they stand where they are," says Roy. Berger Paints is a leader in Bangladesh with 55-56% market share. It is the second largest in India, fourth largest in Asia and seventh largest in the world. The company has a market capitalisation of ₹56,000 crore, and clocked around ₹8,000 crore in turnover in FY22.

*-Full interview of Abhijit Roy, MD and CEO of Berger Paints will be carried on Sunday*

## NADAL TO MISS BARCELONA OPEN

Rafael Nadal said that he will miss the Barcelona Open, leaving him without another clay-court tournament to prepare for the French Open. The 22-time Grand Slam winner said that he had not fully recovered from a left hip flexor injury suffered in the Australian Open in January. That knocked him out of the Indian Wells, Miami and Monte Carlo tournaments also.



# Controversy takes toll? FS wrestlers' level drops, out of top-3 in Asia

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

INDIA managed a solitary medal on the final day of the Asian Championships in Astana, Kazakhstan on Friday. This must serve as a big wake-up call for the country's wrestlers. Anirudh Gulia bagged 125kg bronze as India's freestyle wrestlers with three medals (1 gold and 2 bronze) finished a lowly seventh. This is the men's freestyle wrestlers' worst finish at the event since 2018 when they were ranked 8th. In the previous four editions (2019-2022), they finished second bagging more than five medals every time.

After country's top wrestlers protest against Wrestling Federation of India's president, there was no clarity on national camps. An oversight committee was formed by the sports ministry that looked into the day-to-day functioning of the WFI. The selection trials had issues too and had to be resolved in the court. The Sports Authority of India are conducting the camps at Sonepat, while some top wrestlers, who had protested, are still skipping international meets.

The performance is a cause of concern especially with the Olympic qualifier and Asian Games scheduled later this year. Dronacharya Awardee coach Mahabir Prasad feels the tussle between the wrestlers and the WFI took a toll on the performance of the freestyle grapplers. "When such things happen, it affects athletes mentally. We have seen how their performance got affected in the 2016 Rio Olympics after the doping controversy. None of them (men's freestyle wrestlers) could win a medal, which was a setback as they had won a bronze in the 2008 Games and a silver and a bronze in the 2012 Games," Prasad told this daily.

**SHOW AT ASIAN C'SHIPS**

**2023:** FS: 7th (1 gold, 2 bronze); GR: 6th (1 silver, 3 bronze); WW: 3rd (2 silver, 5 bronze)

**2022:** FS: 2nd (1 gold, 3 silver, 3 bronze); GR: 6th (5 bronze); WW: 4th (2 silver, 3 bronze)

**2021:** FS: 2nd (1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze); GR: 7th (no medal); WW: 2nd (4 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze)

**2020:** FS: 2nd (1 gold, 4 silver and 2 bronze); GR: 5th (1 gold, 4 bronze); WW: 2nd (3 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze)

**2019:** FS: 2nd (1gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze 8); GR: 6th (3 silver, 1 bronze); WW: 3rd (4 bronze)

**2018:** FS: 8th (2 bronze); GR: 7th (2 bronze); WW: 4th (1 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze)

The Greco-Roman wrestlers from the country finished 6th while the women wrestlers were ranked third at the Asian Championships. "We are not strong at GR style but the women and freestyle wrestlers from India are expected to finish in top-3 in the Asian Championships. If we talk about 2018, a lot of medal prospects skipped the event given the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games were scheduled later in the year. So that performance cannot be considered while evaluating the show. And that can be understood as our wrestlers shone at the CWG and Asiad later in that year," added the coach. Given the standoff between the wrestlers and the federation, top grapplers like Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat skipped the event. Ravi Dahiya, who bagged a hat-trick of gold medals in 57kg, missed the championships due to injury but Tokyo Olympian Deepak Punia, competing in 92kg, failed to finish on the podium.

"In January, most of these wrestlers protested against the WFI. Even when they resumed training once the sports ministry constituted an oversight committee to probe the allegations, most of them have to spend hours before the panel recording their statements. It's not an ideal preparation ahead of such big events. The World Championships, which is an Olympic qualifier, and Asian Games are next and it's time we get our house in order otherwise India's campaign at the 2024 Olympics may get affected as it did in 2016," he said.

# Two late own goals cost Man Utd in quarterfinals

AFP @Manchester

TWO late own goals left Manchester United work to do to reach the Europa League semi-finals as Sevilla salvaged a 2-2 draw from the first leg of their quarterfinal tie at Old Trafford on Thursday.

United appeared to be cruising to victory through two goals from Marcel Sabitzer inside the opening 21 minutes.

But the loss of centre-backs Raphael Varane and Lisandro Martinez to injury proved costly as Tyrell Malacia and Harry Maguire deflected balls into their own net in the final six minutes plus stoppage time.

United will also have to cope without Bruno Fernandes for the second leg on April 20 after he picked up a yellow card that leads to a suspension.

"We conceded two own goals, bad luck, and we have to deal with it," said United manager Erik ten Hag. "We have to learn to kill the game, but still everything is open."

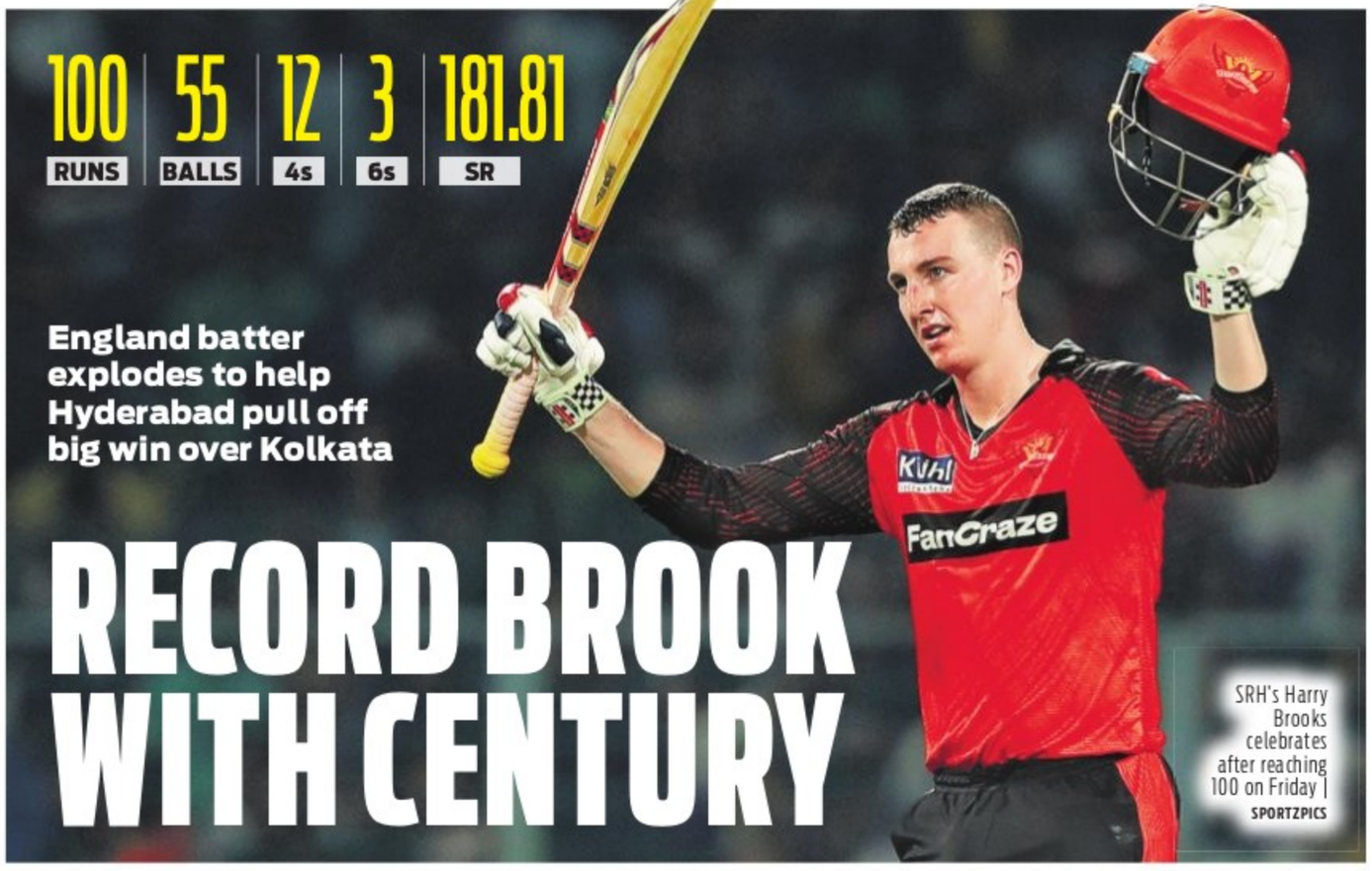
The home side were without 28-goal top scorer Marcus Rashford due to injury, but still made light work of the Spaniards before half-time as Sabitzer struck twice. Anthony Martial's return for injury is a timely boost for Ten Hag with Rashford set to be sidelined for a few weeks.

The Frenchman has been a peripheral figure since the Dutchman took charge, but Ten Hag said on the eve of the game that his side play their best football with Martial up front.

So it proved as Martial's hold-up play eventually saw the ball worked to Fernandes, who fired a ball into Sabitzer's feet and the on-loan Bayern Munich midfielder coolly slotted past Bono.

Just a few moments later Sabitzer, who had scored only once for United in 12 previous appearances, netted his second. Martial was this time the creator with a perfect pass through for Sabitzer to again leave Bono in the Sevilla goal with no chance.

**Results: Europa League Q/F (1st legs):** Feyenoord **1-0** Roma (ITA); Man United **2-2** Sevilla; Juventus **1-0** Sporting; Bayer Leverkusen **1-1** Union Saint-Gilloise.


100 RUNS
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England batter explodes to help Hyderabad pull off big win over Kolkata
RECORD BROOK WITH CENTURY
SRH's Harry Brooks celebrates after reaching 100 on Friday | SPORTZPICS

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN @Chennai

OVER the last seven months or so, English cricket fans extensively googled Gilbert Jessop. The owner of the English record for the fastest Test 100 (76 balls), it was threatened on multiple occasions in the Bazball era. One man responsible for threatening that record several times was Harry Brook, who played his first Test in September, 2022. Even in a turbo-charged England batting unit, Brook stood out for the manner in which he made runs. Pacers were treated with disdain irrespective of the situation. For him, defensive shots were anathema. While he fell short of the record every time, his then four Test career (coupled with some promise in his nascent white-ball career) convinced Sunrisers Hyderabad to make him one of their highest paid players after an intense tug of war with Rajasthan Royals (secured his services for ₹12.5 cr from a base price of ₹1.5 cr).

Post that auction, Brook threatened Jessop's record a few more times. When he took strike for Hyderabad in his first match against Rajasthan Royals, the hype, understandably, was sky high. Here was one of sport's principal shapeshifters of the last year; a batter from the future who had already seemingly married effortless hitting at a strike rate that didn't make much sense. That world came crashing down against Royals. Off to a bad start and chasing plenty, Brook scratched, prodded, poked and was largely unsure — basically everything he hadn't been for England — before losing stumps off Yuzvendra Chahal. Thirteen off 21 in 28 minutes. Playing against elite spinners on Indian pitches can be tough and it showed. That continued in the second match against Lucknow Super Giants. This time, though, it was a much shorter stay before Ravi Bishnoi had him stumped to a nothing shot. Three off four in five minutes.

With a seeming weakness against spin, Hyderabad opened with him to give him a better match up against Punjab Kings but he was bowled cheaply; an Arshdeep Singh knuckle ball doing the business. Against a Kolkata team loaded with all kinds of spinners, Hyderabad were always going to give one of their biggest signings another go at opening. On Friday under the Eden lights, Brook finally had his deliverance. Firstly, it's important to place on record Kolkata's slightly perplexing strategy of not opening with spin. In Varun Chakravarthy and Sunil Narine, they have two spinners capable of operating inside the first six overs.

While it perhaps showed a lack of foresight, Brook gleefully accepted the hospitality to become the fifth Englishman to score an 100 in the IPL. His unbeaten 100 off 55 was laced with three sixes — a trademark lofted off drive was high art while the cuts over point was liquid Brook — and 12 boundaries.

**Brief scores:** SRH 228/4 in 20 ovs (Brook 100 n.o; Russell 3/22) bt KKR 205/7 in 20 ovs (Nitish 75, Rinku 58 n.o).

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

TODAY'S **MATCHES**

## HIGH-STAKES CLASH

**Winless Delhi face an already must-not lose clash against Bangalore, another side who need a win if they are to move up the table. A look...**

**FAF-KOHLI AXIS AT THE TOP**

Faf du Plessis and Virat Kohli have both been among the runs but as a partnership, there is a tendency of them leaving a few runs. While Kohli attacks the powerplay these days, he's still circumspect against spin outside the powerplay. Du Plessis could begin slowly and that could be a problem, especially on batting tracks.

**DELHI'S TOP-ORDER**

98/5. 111/5. 94/5. 101/5. In all of the four games, Delhi have lost two wickets more than ideal in the first 10 overs. It's meant they have had to rebuild in the middle overs rather than looking to to take on the bowling. Not an ideal combination to be in. However, they do have Mitchell Marsh back who might help solve this problem if he gets going.

**3.30 PM, BANGALORE ● STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA**

## LSG EYE NO 1 SPOT

**Lucknow can get sole ownership of top spot with a win over Punjab in Saturday's night match. A look...**

**ARSHDEEP VS LUCKNOW MIDDLE-ORDER**

One of Lucknow's success stories this season has been their gun middle-order. The likes of **Nicholas Pooran** and Ayush Badoni have backed themselves to deliver at the death overs. And they have succeeded. If Punjab are to keep the hosts at bay, they may have to win this phase of the game.

**7.30 PM, LUCKNOW ● STAR SPORTS AND JIO CINEMA**

**PUNJAB IDENTITY**

Last year, Punjab had a clear blueprint. Keep going with the bat. This year, less so. They have gotten off to an okay start but in the absence of some of their leading English players, they have only got going in patches. What sort of team do they want to be?

# IBA launches series of actions to counter 'rogue' World Boxing

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICEL @Chennai

A big showdown is brewing in international boxing between newly-launched World Boxing and International Boxing Association (IBA). Hours after the official launch of World Boxing, the IBA has come down heavily on the breakaway factions. Terming them 'rogue', the IBA has considered this as a threat and has launched a slew of measures to counter it. The IBA said that the rogue nations can be excluded from their set-up.

"Following the announcement of the rogue international boxing organization established, reportedly, in Switzerland, the International Boxing Association (IBA) has initiated a series of actions to protect its autonomy as the official worldwide governing body and global Home of Boxing," said an IBA statement. "These actions are designed to provide absolute clarity to all 204 national federations and their confederations regarding the clear and present threat faced by the global boxing community and what it means to our athletes."

The IBA also said that the launch was not a surprise as some individuals are facing investigations. "The announcement today does not come as a surprise to the IBA, and it is line with the divide and conquer rhetoric seen from the individuals that are currently being investigated by the Boxing Independent Integrity Unit (BIIU) for breach of the IBA Disciplinary and Ethics Code, specifically for "Inciting a Boycott of a Competition". About nine nations boycotted the World Women's Boxing Championships held at New Delhi.

"Before the above BIIU investigation was launched, Steve Hartley, president, Boxing New Zealand told Radio New Zealand to "watch this space" when asked about a new official governing boxing to take over from IBA. He went on to say, "there is a lot happening, and it will happen very quickly after the [Women's] World Champs" and that "the big one is the IOC making an emphatic statement. They've got to make an emphatic statement very soon ... they've encouraged us to do everything we're doing and advised us, but they could help more."

The IBA secretary general and CEO, George Yerolimpos, said that "the advice Hartley was speaking of had come together with the creation of the rogue international boxing organization even though there is a clear divide between the nations backing it and their athletes.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

**EXPRESS READ**

### Timina, Bitzigeio lead coaching line-up for UTT

MUMBAI: Four-time Olympian Elena Timina and former German women's team head coach Jorg Bitzigeio will headline the coaching line-up in the upcoming season of Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT). The franchise-based league is returning after three years with season 4 scheduled to be played from July 13 to 30 at the Balewadi Sports Complex in Pune.

### Mane incident with Sane 'dealt with': Tuchel

MUNICH: The incident between Sadio Mane and Leroy Sane has been "dealt with" after the Senegal star was fined and suspended by Bayern Munich, coach Thomas Tuchel said on Friday. "A limit was crossed that we don't want and that we didn't tolerate," Tuchel said. "But we cleared the air. There was an apology which was absolutely credible... The matter is dealt with."

### Divyansh, Vijayveer & Sift top nat'l selection trials

BHOPAL: Divyansh Singh Panwar, who recently lost his place in the Indian team for the Baku World Cup, regained his form while Sift Kaur Samra and Vijayveer Sidhu extended their domination in the national selection trials for pistol and rifle here. In Delhi's Karni Singh Shooting Range, Anant Jeet Singh Naruka and Ganemat Sekhon won the men's and women's skeet trials.

PATHBREAKER

# *Nothing worth doing comes easy: Fair Break founder, Shaun Martyn*

GOMESH S @Chennai

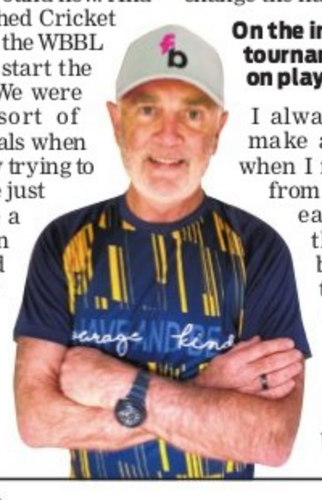
AT a time when the growth of women's cricket seems inevitable with several boards coming up with their own franchise-based T20 competition, Fair Break Global have set themselves in a unique position. The global invitational T20 tournament has grabbed the eyeballs of every one including that of the ICC. They and Cricket Hong Kong were awarded the ICC Development Initiative of the Year for the Asian Region for their role in delivering the tournament in 2022. Shaun Martyn, Founder of Fair Break Global, spoke to this daily about the journey, the ICC award, the tournament in USA and what lies ahead. Excerpts...

**On the ICC award...**

It's an incredible achievement in receiving that award. But it's really an award for a lot of people who have worked with me for a long period of time to get to where we are now. So it's certainly not an individual award. It's an award for every player and person that's been a part of what we've done over a long period.

**On how it began..**

It probably started 15 years ago when I was paying some Australian players in corporate matches because they weren't getting paid. And then with my work with Lisa Sthalekar and the book we wrote together and her retiring in 2013, We then set about creating what was WICL (Women's International Cricket League) which is really what you see on the ground now. And that sort of pushed Cricket Australia to start the WBBL and the ECB to start the Super League. We were perceived as sort of rebels and radicals when we weren't really trying to do that. We were just trying to create a space for women so that they could be rewarded for their efforts more fairly. I was filming a little documentary in which I'd called Fair Break and then I decided that I would change everything into that and that's really the only smart thing I ever did really was change the name.



**On the impact the tournament has made on players' lives...**

I always felt it would make a difference but when I find that players from more remote areas, they've used the money to go back and build their own home, and change the education status of their families and their children. The two things that I think are crucial is the quality of the cricket has to be very high. And then what impact that has had in communities. I suppose the other thing that the sporting diplomacy around what we do. I mean, we had a game here this week where the Falcons team was fielding 11 players from 11 different countries. I mean, there's not a greater example of how countries can come together under the one banner to support each other.

**Does it bring more responsibilities?**

I certainly feel more pressure than I did even to get it off the ground now, to maintain the quality and the standards that we've set. What we need now is more corporate support and corporate backing for what we're doing. And I think that'll come, I think the more awareness there is of what we're doing and the difference it makes and we've seen it in the quality of the players as well.

**On challenges...**

It's about the product that we produce and the results of that product are important. I mean, nothing worth doing comes easy. So, yeah, there's lots of challenges, but look, we've got to a position now where the ICC has sanctioned us for two tournaments a year. We've just been part of a wonderful ICC award. So, I think credibility for me is really important and the integrity of what we do.

**Full story: newindianexpress.com**

# Tsitsipas goes down to Fritz

AFP @Monte Carlo

STEFANOS Tsitsipas' bid for a third consecutive Monte Carlo Masters title was ended after a straight-sets loss to American Taylor Fritz in the quarter-finals on Friday, while Daniil Medvedev was knocked out by Holger Rune.

Second seed Tsitsipas was on a 12-match winning streak in the principality but slumped to a 6-2, 6-4 loss in only 70 minutes. Fritz will face Russian Andrey Rublev on Saturday in the last four as he attempts to reach the final of a clay-court event for the first time.

"I thought my level today was very high. I think I played a very good match. Beating him here gives me a lot of confidence," Fritz said.

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| 1 | 2023_KMML_571158_1 | For the supply of Absorber |
| 2 | 2023_KMML_570537_1 | For the supply of Refrigerant Gas Freon 22 in cylinder of 61 kg |
| 3 | 2023_KMML_570379_1 | For the supply of Brick acid Resistant for Digester |
| 4 | 2023_KMML_569951_1 | For the supply of Bricks for Chlorinator |
| 5 | 2023_KMML_571139_1 | AMC for Electric Hoists/Mechanical Hoists for 2023-2024 |

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## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**Application Notification No. 565/STBA/04/2023**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed applications for engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agents (STBA) at the following Railway station over Bengaluru Division of South Western Railway for issuing of Unreserved/General Tickets Through Unreserved Ticket System (UTS) on commission basis for a period of Three (03) years.

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| 1 | Marikuppam | MKM | NSG-6 |
| 2 | Thondebhavi | TDV | |
| 3 | Anekal Road | AEK | |
| 4 | Devangonthi | DKN | |

**Date and Time of submission of application : From 10:00 Hrs. to 15:00 Hrs. of 17.05.2023**

**For details log on: www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in**

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## SOUTHERN RAILWAY

**(GATI SHAKTI / MADURAI)**

**E-TENDER NOTICE No. GS-MDU-2023 Dated: 06.04.2023**

For and on behalf of The President of India, the Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, Southern Railway, Madurai-625 016 invites e- tender for the work as per Notice inviting Tender (NIT) in our portal **www.ireps.gov.in** The tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

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| GS-MDU - 2023-03A | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "MANAPARAI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 332.62 | 316300 | Five | 24.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-04A | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "KARAIKUDI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 513.86 | 406900 | Five | 24.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-05A | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of 'AMBASAMUDRAM' Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 400.03 | 350000 | Five | 24.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-06 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "VIRUDHUNAGAR" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 529.45 | 414700 | Five | 25.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-07 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of KOVILPATTI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 533.75 | 416900 | Five | 26.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-08 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "PALANI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 600.30 | 450200 | Five | 25.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-09 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "PUNALUR" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 442.72 | 371400 | Five | 27.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-10 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "SHOLAVANDAN" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 446.02 | 373000 | Five | 25.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-11 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "RAJAPALAYAM" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 527.39 | 413700 | Five | 26.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-12 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "TIRUCHENDUR" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 539.09 | 419600 | Five | 26.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-13 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "TENKASI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 490.16 | 395100 | Five | 27.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-14 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "RAMANATHAPURAM" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 465.02 | 382500 | Five | 28.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-15 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "PARAMAKUDI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 382.32 | 341200 | Five | 28.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-16 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "SRIVILLIPUTHUR" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 425.78 | 362900 | Five | 27.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |
| GS-MDU - 2023-17 | Improvements to circulating area, station buildings, facade and platform of "PUDHUKKOTTAI" Railway Station of Madurai Division under 'AMRIT BHARAT STATION SCHEME" | 689.39 | 494700 | Five | 28.04.2023 / 11.00 Hrs. |

For further details, refer to web site portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** It is responsibility of the tenderer to check any Corrigendum issued for any correction or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website, the same shall be taken into account while submitting tender.

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## SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

**E-Tender Notice No. CMGR_HADI_URU_THIM**
**Dated : 03-04-2023**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender for the following work:

| Item of work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Provision of Electronic Interlocking with outdoor Signalling arrangements at Chikkamagalur & Hadihalli stations between Chikkamagalur-Belur Section and at Urukere & Thimmarajanahalli stations between Tumakuru - Davangere Section of Mysuru Division, with Absolute Block working system for new BG line along with Telecommunication arrangements between Urukere - Thimmarajanahalli section. | Rs. 17,24,11,692.78 |

Last date for submission of bids:
**Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 26-04-2023**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom. Engineer
Construction, Bengaluru Cantonment

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## SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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PUB/1361

**E- Auction Programme for the month of MAY & JUNE - 2023**

| MAY e-Auction -2023 | |
|---|---|
| DATE | DIVN/DEPOT |
| 01.05.23 | VIJAYAWADA |
| 02.05.23 | HYDERABAD |
| 03.05.23 | GUNTAKAL |
| 04.05.23 | GUNTUR |
| 05.05.23 | NANDED |
| 08.05.23 | SECUNDERABAD |
| 09.05.23 | LALLAGUDA |
| 10.05.23 | RAYANAPADU |
| 11.05.23 | TIRUPATI |
| 12.05.23 | VIJAYAWADA |
| 15.05.23 | HYDERABAD |
| 16.05.23 | GUNTAKAL |
| 17.05.23 | GUNTUR |
| 18.05.23 | NANDED |
| 19.05.23 | SECUNDERABAD |
| 22.05.23 | LALLAGUDA |
| 23.05.23 | RAYANAPADU |
| 24.05.23 | TIRUPATI |
| 25.05.23 | VIJAYAWADA |
| 26.05.23 | HYDERABAD |
| 29.05.23 | GUNTAKAL |
| 30.05.23 | GUNTUR |
| 31.05.23 | NANDED |
| **JUNE e- Auction 2023** | |
| 01.06.23 | SECUNDERABAD |
| 02.06.23 | LALLAGUDA |
| 05.06.23 | RAYANAPADU |
| 06.06.23 | TIRUPATI |
| 07.06.23 | VIJAYAWADA |
| 08.06.23 | HYDERABAD |
| 09.06.23 | GUNTAKAL |
| 12.06.23 | GUNTUR |
| 13.06.23 | NANDED |
| 14.06.23 | SECUNDERABAD |
| 15.06.23 | LALLAGUDA |
| 16.06.23 | RAYANAPADU |
| 19.06.23 | TIRUPATI |
| 20.06.23 | VIJAYAWADA |
| 21.06.23 | HYDERABAD |
| 22.06.23 | GUNTAKAL |
| 23.06.23 | GUNTUR |
| 26.06.23 | NANDED |
| 27.06.23 | SECUNDERABAD |
| 28.06.23 | LALLAGUDA |
| 30.06.23 | RAYANAPADU |

A0528 **Principal Chief Materials Manager, Secunderabad**

**For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in**

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY

**E-TENDER NOTICE No. SA-TRD-2023-24-119, Dated: 12.04.2023**

For and on behalf of the President of India the Divisional Electrical Engineer / Traction and Distribution Branch / Salem Division, Salem-5 invites ONLINE tenders for the following works.

| Name of Work | Approx. value of the work (₹ in lakh) | Cost of tender form ₹ | Amount of EMD ₹ | Completion period of work |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salem Division - (i) Replacement of rusted Anti Creep wire with Cadmium Copper wire and (ii) Improvement to existing Aluminium along track feeder with 150 sqmm by replacement with Copper feeder wire between TPT - PTJ section | 21.47 | 0 | 43000/- | 06 Months |

Tender closing date and time: 12.05.2023 at 14.30 Hrs.

It is the responsibility of Tenderer(s) Contractor(s) to obtain Digital signature certificates for participating e-tendering. Complete details and Tender Document will be available at **www.ireps.gov.in.**

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**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**
**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
## RESEARCH DESIGNS AND STANDARD ORGANIZATION
**Manak Nagar, Lucknow - 226011**

**NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**
**Notice No. CT/PTX/TWS/Design - 2023**

Track Design Directorate of Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO), Lucknow, under the Ministry of Railways (MoR), is interested for Development of Specifications for Retro-fitment & Retro-fitment of 100 sets of Fastening Systems of existing Thick Web Switches (1 in 12 & 1 in 8.5) laid over Indian Railways along with necessary Engineering support to improve performance and to mitigate maintenance issues being faced in field.

Applications are invited from the capable firms having in-house expertise in designing of turnout systems for Development of Specifications for Retro-fitment & Retro-fitment of 100 sets of Fastening Systems of existing Thick Web Switches (1 in 12 & 1 in 8.5) laid over Indian Railways along with necessary Engineering support.

Interested firms are requested to see details on RDSO's website **www.rdso.indianrailways.gov.in**→Expression of Interest (EOI)→EOI Notice No. CT/PTX/TWS/Design-2023 or may contact Director/Track-III, RDSO, Lucknow on telephone No. 91-522-2465768 / email: **dtd3rdso@gmail.com** on any working day for further details. Intending firms satisfying the conditions stipulated in the application form should apply to express their interest with requisite information in duplicate by 16.05.2023 (1500 hrs) to the Director/Track-III, Anusandhan Bhawan, Track Design Directorate, RDSO, Manak Nagar, Lucknow - 226011 (INDIA).

**Director/Track-III**
**for Director General (Track)**
**RDSO, Lucknow**
**(for & behalf of President of India)**

## SOUTHERN RAILWAY

**ELECTRICAL (TRD) BRANCH, TIRUCHCHIRAPPALLI DIVISION**

**TENDER NOTICE No. TPJ-TRD-2023-2024-05**

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Divisional Railway Manager, Traction Distribution, Southern Railway, Tiruchchirappalli - 620001 invites online E-tenders from prospective tenderers / bidders for the following work.

1) Name of work: TPJ Division- Provision of Track Machine siding at 6 stations - SY, PRT, TRK, TNM, PRL & ALU - Electrical Traction Arrangements; 2) Approximate value of tender: ₹ **1,17,36,158.88/-;** 3) Cost of tender booklet: **Nil;** 4) Bid Security: ₹ **2,08,700/-;** 5) Date & Time of Bidding: **24.04.2023** to **15:00 Hours** on **08.05.2023;** 6) Date & Time of Tender Opening: After **15:00 Hours** on **08.05.2023;** 7) Period of completion: Nine Months; 8) Period of validity of offer: **81 days** from the date of tender opening.

NOTE:

1) The prospective tenderers / bidders are requested to register themselves with IREPS (Indian Railway Electronic Procurement System), if not done already, for participating in E-Tenders, Registration form is available on IREPS site (Quick link New Vendors / Contractors (E-Tender).
2) Contractors / Bidders are requested to procure Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) Class III or appropriate from Govt. of India, authorized Certifying authority (CCA-Controller of Certifying Authority) for participating in E-Tender & to log into IREPS.
3) Payment of Bid Security in respect of e-tendering, should be done through net banking or payment gateway only (online payment) or in the form of BG as per GCC 2022. Tenders received without Bid Security shall be rejected.
4) Kindly log on to **http://www.ireps.gov.in** for complete details, terms and conditions of the above tender and details of bid submission and the online bids are required to be digitally signed. The tenderers are advised to refer to the documents uploaded.
5) All Addendum / Corrigendum, Time extension, clarifications, etc. will be uploaded on or before 24.04.2023, in the website only and will not be published separately in Newspapers. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.
6) Tenderers need not be present in the office for tender opening as they can watch the status of opened tenders, online through IREPS.

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Pho. no. 0771-2535780,90, Fax 077172227395, E-mail- dc_rmc@rediffmail.com

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क्रमांक -33/लो.क.वि./ न.पा.नि./2023 रायपुर दिनांक 13/04/2023

नगर पालिक निगम, रायपुर की सीमा क्षेत्रान्तर्गत "Conceptualization, Designing, Implementation Including Operation, Maintenance, Manufacturing, Building, Skill Training and Employing unemployed Youth and Female wide setting up of urban cottage and service industries park for the period of 5 years' के कार्य हेतु इच्छुक संस्थाओं से रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति (Expression of Interest) **दिनांक 04/05/23** समय सायं **5:00 बजे** तक नगर निगम मुख्यालय के लोक निर्माण शाखा, कक्ष क्र. 413 में स्पीड पोस्ट के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है। इस हेतु विस्तृत विवरण, नियम शर्तें नगर निगम की वेबसाईट www.nagarnigamraipur.nic.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। डाउनलोड किये गये EOI पत्रक हेतु राशि रूपये 1000.00 का डिमांड ड्राफ्ट जो आयुक्त नगर पालिक निगम रायपुर के नाम से देय होगा, जमा करना होगा।

घरों से निकलने वाले गीला और सूखा कचरे को सफाई मित्र (वाहन) को दें।

कार्यपालन अभियंता (लो.क.वि.)
नगर पालिक निगम,रायपुर

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM TECHNOPARK HARMONY@WORK
Kerala www.keralait.org

RFP No. 166/2023-24

Proposals are invited from Technical Consultants for providing Consultancy Service Contract for Architectural Engineering and Project Management Services for Technopark.

For further details please visit: https://www.technopark.org/tenders

Chief Executive Officer
Date: 15.04.2023 Technopark, Trivandrum - 695581
Trivandrum Ph: 0471-2700222, Fax: 0471-2700171
Ro/00886/D3/2023/I&PRD

## UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135 - 2763508, 2763808 & Fax: 0135- 2763507
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्र सं. 335 **e-Tender Notice** दिनांक: **13.04.2023**

Office of The Executive Engineer (Civil-III), Lakhwar Multipurpose Project, Dakpathar (Distt-Dehradun) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

**Tender No.**01/EE (Civil-III)/LMP/2023-24
**Name of work-** Supply, erection and design of 85.4 meter span Bailey Suspension Bridge, 24R load class, carriage road width 3.277 m (excluding of Civil works) at River Yamuna at Lakhwar Dam Site Distt. Dehradun.
**Estimated Cost-** Rs 2,91,60,000.00 (excluding GST)
**Date & Time of availability of bid document on website** - 14-04-2023, from 10:00 Hrs
**Last Date for submission of tender on website** - 04-05-2023, up to 16:00 Hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "**http://uktenders.gov.in**" and Nigam's website **www.ujvnl.com**.

**Executive Engineer (Civil-III)**

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## CENTRE FOR AIR BORNE SYSTEMS (CABS)

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)
Government of India, Ministry of Defence
Belur, Yemlur Post, Bengaluru- 560 037

**APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FROM ELIGIBLE DOCTORS FOR THE POST OF CIVILIAN MEDICAL OFFICER ON CONTRACT BASIS**

1. Name of the post : CIVILIAN MEDICAL OFFICER (ON CONTRACT BASIS)
2. No. of Post : ONE
3. Salary : Rs. 55,000/- per month (Consolidated/Fixed)
4. Age : Below 65 years
5. Qualification Essential : MBBS, Registered with KMC/IMC Desirable PG Diploma/ Degree in aviation medicine
6. Work experience : a) minimum 5 yrs work experience as a RMP in an Independent capacity in a clinic / hospital
   b) Preferably from Bangalore should be well versed with local Kannada language.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

a) The post is purely on contract basis.
b) NPA and other allowances not admissible.
c) The duration of appointment is for a period of one year from the date of charge assumption or till the posting of a regular incumbent to CABS whichever is earlier.
d) The officer selected for the post is not eligible for seniority or any other benefit if selected for regular Government service at later stage.
e) The appointment is subject to approval of DRDO Headquarters, New Delhi.
f) Working Hours (Except Holidays) – Monday to Friday -0830 Hrs to 1700 Hrs Saturday/Sunday (on emergency or on call)

Eligible candidates should submit typewritten applications on plain paper mentioning therein Name, Father's/Husband's Name, Date of Birth, Address for Communication, Educational Qualification, Details of Experience, KMC/IMC Registration Number along with phone no. email address and photocopies of self-attested supporting certificates/testimonials to "THE DIRECTOR, CABS, WIND TUNNEL ROAD, BELUR, YEMLUR POST, BANGALORE- 560 037 within 30 days from the date of this advertisement. The envelope should be subscribed as "Application for the post of Civilian Medical Officer – Contract"

Sd/-
**CBC 10301/11/0003/2324** **For Director, CABS**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

## GIRINAGAR BRANCH

No. 3/A, J. P. Road 1st phase, Girinagar, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru - 560085. Phone : 22423582,
Mob : 9483501821/ 7892603700, E-mail : cb1821@canarabank.com.

**(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties)**

SALE NOTICE

**E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable/ Movable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and/or Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Girinagar Branch of Canara Bank.,** will be sold on the basis of "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on **15.05.2023,** for recovery of **Rs. 2,07,79,861.56 (Rupees Two Crore Seven Lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty One and Fifty Six paisa only)** due to Girinagar Nagar Branch of Canara Bank from the known/unknown borrower **Mr. Sendhil Elumalai and Shri Bhaskar .M** (Guarantor)

The Reserve price, Earnest Money Deposits, Auction date, last date of submission of Bid details are as under. The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money deposit (EMD) by way of DD favouring Authorised Officer Canara Bank Girinagar Branch, Bangalore or through online **(RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer-IFSC Code CNRB0001821)** to the credit of the **account number 209272434,** Canara Bank Girinagar Branch, on or before **14.05.2023 by 4.00 pm.** Date & Time of the E-Auction **15.05.2023 from 11.00 A.M. to 12.00 P.M.**

**E-Auction Date : 15.05.2023**

| Descripiton of the immovable Assest | Reserve Price | EMD Amount | Bid Incremental Value |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Item No 1 :** All that piece and parcel of property comprising residential apartment privately numbered as **F-402** in third floor of "F" Block with a super built up area of 1089 sq ft, together with undivided share and interest situated at apartment building known as **Garden Residency,** Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigini Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, property along with covered car parking slot numbered as F-402 in stilt floor. **East :** land in Sy. No. :108/2. **West :** Road, Carved Out of Kharab land. **North :** Road, Carved Out of Kharab land. **South :** Tank Bed. | Rs. 68,50,000/- | Rs. 6,85,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- |
| **Item No 2 :** All that piece and parcel of property comprising residential apartment privately numbered as **F-403** in third floor of "F" Block with a super builtup area of 1089 sq ft, together with undivided share and interest situated at apartment building known as **Garden Residency,** Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigini Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, property along with covered car parking slot numbered as F-403 in stilt floor East : Road. **East :** land in Sy. No. : 108/2, **West :** Road, Carved Out of Kharab land, **North :** Road, Carved Out of Kharab land, **South :** Tank Bed. | Rs. 68,50,000/- | Rs. 6,85,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- |
| **Item No 3 :** All that piece and parcel of property comprising residential apartment privately numbered as **F-404** in third floor of "F" Block with a super builtup area of 1089 sq ft, together with undivided share and interest situated at apartment building known as **Garden Residency,** Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigini Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru, property along with covered car parking slot numbered as F-404 in stilt floor. **East :** land in Sy. No. : 108/2, **West :** Road, Carved Out of Kharab land, **North :** Road, Carved Out of Kharab land, **South :** Tank Bed. **Note : Flats will be sold on individual basis also** | Rs. 68,50,000/- | Rs. 6,85,000/- | Rs. 50,000/- |

**known encumbrances, if any:** Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

**Note:** All charges including property tax, Electricity charges and Maintenance charges etc., and any other charges shall be borne by the successful bidder only.

For detailed Terms and Conditions of the sale please contact **Chief Manager, Girinagar Branch, Canara Bank, Mob : 9483501821/ 7892603700 or may contact the service provider M/s. Antares Systems Ltd., Bangalore (Contact No. : 080-40482100/40482000, Mob : 91-9686196756) E-mail : manohar.s@antaressystems.com** during office hours on any working day.

**Date: 13.04.2023** **Sd/-**
**Place: Bangalore** **Authorised Officer**

## ORIX LEASING & FINANCIAL SERVICES INDIA LIMITED

ORIX

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## POSSESSION NOTICE

**(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)**

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited**. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act,2002) and in exercise of the power conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued demand notice to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice/s.

The borrower/s having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise powers conferred on him/her under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the said Act read with Rule 8 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies and any dealings with the property/ies will be subject to the charge of **ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited.,** for the amount mentioned in the demand notice and interest thereon as per loan agreement. The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

| Sr No. | Loan Account No. | Name of the Borrower/ Co Borrower | Demand Notice date & Amount | Date & Type of possession Taken | Description of the Immovable Properties |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | LN0000000010106 | 1. Bhaktarahalli C Narayanaswamy, 2. Bhagya N, 3. Shashank B N 4. M/s. Balaji Enterprises | 14 September 2022 & Rs. 2,61,74,434.57/- | 10.04.2023 (Symbolic Possession ) | All That Piece And Parcel Of Bearing Site No. 51, Katha No. 46b, Situated At Bhoopasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore – 560094. **North : Bda Park, East : Site No. 52, South : 30 Feet Road, West : Site No. 50** |
| 2 | LN0000000019345 LN0000000010046 | 1. G Elan Tendral, 2. Revathi Ilanthendral, 3. Nirmala Murugan 4. Murugan G | 26 November 2022 & Rs.42,05,618.67/- | 10.04.2023 (Symbolic Possession ) | All That Piece And Parcel Of Site Bearing No. 21 And 22 And Katha No. 61/6, Situated At Garvebhavipalya Village, Hongasandra Dakhale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Land Mearuring East To West: 20 And North To South: 40, Total= 800 Sq. Ft., And 1400 Sq. Ft. (built-up Area), And Bounded As : **North : Site No. 27 And 28, South : Road, East : Remaining Portion Measuring 20x40 Sold To Kannan, West : Private Property** |
| 3 | LN0000000016862 | 1. Karunakara M, 2. Sarojamma 3. Soujanya B A | 26 November 2022 & Rs.55,03,427.98/- | 10.04.2023 (Symbolic Possession ) | All That Piece And Parcel Of Extent Of Land 4628.25 Sq. Ft., (4356 Sq. Ft As Per Site), Sy. No. 3/1b, Situated At Smashana Road, Bommasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban, Bangalore, Karnataka, And Bounded As : **North : Sy. No. 04, Land Belongs To Mrs. Sarojamma W/o Late. Maniyamma, South: Property Belongs To Nagaraju, East : Road, West:Property Belongs To Munithimmaiah** |
| 4 | LN0000000012754 | 1. M S Babu 2. Jayamma | 20 January 2023 & Rs.61,76,487.31/- | 10.04.2023 (Symbolic Possession ) | **Schedule-1 -** All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 260/255a/132, Assigned To A Portion Of Property Bearing No.132, Measuring East To West (42+37)/2 Feet And North To South 43 Feet, Admeasuring 1698 Square Feet Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.132 Of Nagondanahalli Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building, And Bounded On: **North : Remaining Property Of Same Khata No. 132, South : Property Belongs To Mr. Muniyappa., East: Property Belongs To Mr. Venkatagiriyappa, West : Property Belongs To Mr. Kiran & 15 Feet Road**<br>**Schedule-2 -** All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Bbmp Katha No. 260/255/132, Assigned To A Portion Of Property Bearing No.132, Measuring East To West (32+37)/2 Feet And North To South 40 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.132 Of Nagondanahalli Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building, And Bounded On: **North : Remaining Property Of Same Khata No, South :Property Belongs To Mr. Muniyappa., East: Property Belongs To Mr. Venkatagiriyappa, West: 15 Feet Road & Property Of Mr. Ramaswamy**<br>**Schedule-3 -** All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Katha No. 111/2a, Assigned To A Portion Of Land Measuring East To West 35.6 Feet And North To South (16.6+140)/2 Feet, Formed In Land Bearing Survey No.111/2a Of Nagondanahalli Village, K R Pura Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Comprising Of A Building, And Bounded On: **North: Mr. Ramaswamy House Of Same Property No. 111/2a & Vacant Place, South:Mr. Kiran House In Property No. 111/2b, East: Mr. M Seethappa House, West: Road** |
| 5 | LN0000000011516 | 1. Ramakrishna Muniramappa 2. Varun R 3. Rathnamma | 20 December 2022 & Rs.2,06,63,985.38/- | 10.04.2023 (Symbolic Possession ) | All That Piece And Parcel Of Site No. 47, Katha No. 57/1 And 57/2, Present Bbmp B Katha Sl No. 1002, Property Ni. 57/1/57/2-47 Situated At Bommanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Karnataka, Land Measuring East To West: (38+36/2) = 37' And North To South: 73', Total Measuring 2701 Sq. Ft., And Bounded As : **North: Site No. 48, South : Road, East : Private Property, West : Site No. 44** |
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**DAY'S DIARY**

## *Titanic sinks*

Royal Mail Ship (RMS) Titanic, British luxury passenger liner sank on this day in 1912 during its maiden voyage, en route to New York City

**ABOUT THE SHIP**

The largest and most luxurious ship in the world, the Titanic was also one of the most technologically advanced. It had 16 watertight compartments

**TRIVIA**

Nicknamed the "Millionaire's Special," the ship was fittingly captained by Edward J. Smith, who was known as the "Millionaire's Captain"

**INVESTIGATION**

Within days of the sinking of the Titanic, two separate enquiries were launched, one by the US Senate, the other by the British Board of Trade

## *Vishu special sadyas in Bengaluru*

PG 3

Pants paired with a waistcoat are this summer's trending look; B'lureans are experimenting with multiple colours, which work am or pm

# BUSINESS WITH STYLE

A model displaying Qua's latest collection

Harini Sudarshan

Deena Pinto

MONIKA MONALISA

FOR a casual outing, model and stylist Karishma Devnani opts for pants, a casual t-shirt which is teamed with a blazer. With summers having set in, that might not be a practical idea. Her tweak to the look is pairing trousers with a waistcoat. It might not be the most preferred option for fashion traditionalists, but enthusiasts, like Devnani, love the look.

According to Devnani, the look suggests business in style. "The suit-vest with a matching pair of trousers are a big way to mean business. It's a great street-style outfit. These outfits work if they are in linen and neutral colours. A suit-vest is a masculine style for women. But these days, wearing something previously dominated by men is looked at powerful," says Devnani.

Fashion content creator Deena Pinto, a follower of fashion trends, says the best part about the look is that it is timeless. "I'm jumping onto this bandwagon as it's here to stay. The cuts and silhouettes make a statement. It's luxe and androgynous. I prefer going for a sleek hair look since it gives a chance to show off the shoulders," says Pinto, who picked her set from fashion retail brand Zara.

However, if you are a fan of indie boutiques, then Qua, a Delhi-based brand that will be in Bengaluru on April 19 for a pop-up, has a collection of these looks. Rupanshi Agarwal, founder, says this is a classic set with a number of options. "The vest has become a wardrobe staple for women in 2023. It was considered menswear previously. It has now been re-imagined with a chic silhouette, and colours. We have vests and matching trousers in bright and bold colours. In fact, it is one of the best-performing sets in our collection," says Agarwal, adding that the vests start from ₹2,000 and the trousers at ₹3,000.

Many find that the look works by itself without having to use any accessories. For example, makeup artist Harini Sudarshan pairs this look with a cross-body bag. "Sometimes, I like to experiment beyond what would be considered traditionally formal. I have a pinstripe pair and to give it a fun look, I use a crossbody bag or hat," says Sudarshan.

# Zooming lens on life in the wild

Get a glimpse into the wild side with this photographer's work which will be on display this weekend

STENI SIMON

BENGALUREANS! Get transported into the world of wonder, and experience some breathtaking images of fauna in the wild as wildlife photographer **Ankul Shetty** unveils his collection at the Nexus Koramangala Mall on April 15 and April 16 from 12pm to 9pm.

An IT consultant at Mercedes-Benz Research and Development India, Shetty has been pursuing his passion for wildlife photography for 10 years. He says, "After the pandemic, this is the first time that I am displaying my works on the occasion of World Art Day which falls on April 16."

Around 25 photographs taken over the past years will be on display. "The idea is to showcase nature in its purest form to the people," he says. Though Shetty has been into wildlife photography for many years, this genre wasn't his first choice. It was in 2010 that the then Mangaluru-based photographer relocated to Bengaluru and started with other genres in photography like weddings and fashion. However, he soon realised that those were not his areas of interest. "I wanted to do something more thrilling and exciting," he says. That is when he stepped into wildlife photography in 2013 and it became his passion. " I didn't even have a camera of my own. Since wildlife photography was expensive, I did wedding and fashion photo shoots to earn some money. My first wildlife trail was in 2013 in Bandipur Tiger Reserve where I had an overwhelming experience of spotting a tiger, leopard, and even a sloth bear on my very first safari. For a few years, I continued doing all these genres in photography until I started 'The Wild Terrain' in 2019 where I offer bespoke wildlife tours, photography workshops, and nature camps thereby presenting people an enriching experience in the wild," says Shetty.

Shetty has travelled extensively to various wildlife destinations around the world, including the Masai Mara and Amboseli in Kenya, Corbett National Park, Kaziranga, Bandhavgarh, and the Western Ghats in India. Sharing his experience in Kenya, he says, "Safaris in Kenya or the savannah grasslands (most East African Safaris) are quite different from the Indian forests. The open savannah and wildlife help in scouting and spotting animals in a much easier way when compared to the denser forests where the visibility is limited to just 20 to 30 meters."

Images captured by Ankul Shetty during his wildlife trails

Avin Thaliath (@chef_avin), pastry chef and the director of Lavonne Academy of Baking Science And Pastry Arts, dishes out a food-related quiz in this weekly series. Be a real 'whisk'taker and let us know if you have what it bakes. Who knows, your dreams may crumb true.

## GRUB HUB

**THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY**

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner this week will win a discount voucher worth ₹1,500 from Malgudi Mylari Mane**

1. What is the name of the sweet from Sikkim made from chhurpi (a local cheese), wheat flour, and sugar?
2. What is the name of the traditional sweet from Lakshadweep made from rice flour, coconut milk, and jaggery?
3. A Meghalayan sweet that is made from ground rice and jaggery, and is often served during festivals and special occasions.

## CITY READ

### Regional Literature Fest on April 22

Prabha Khaitan Foundation has announced 'Aakhar Dakshin', a one-day festival of South Indian Literature on April 22 at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur. Aakhar Dakshin is a celebration of regional literature inspired by the multilingual diversities of India. Thinkers, writers, poets, artists, and cultural enthusiasts of India will be present. **Chandrashekhara Kambara**, former president of Sahitya Akademi will be the chief guest. The festival will include poetry-reading sessions by Mamta Sagar, Prathibha Nandakumar, Ramesh Karthik Nayak, and Syam Sudhakar and a rendition from Tiruppugazh by singer Karuna Sivasailam.

### Summer-special collection launched

Contemporary sustainable furnishing and décor brand The Yellow Dwelling has recently introduced its summer-special 'Timeless Blooms' collection. The collection draws inspiration from classic tales that have captured the imaginations, featuring prints like Ginghams and Chevrons, lawns of lilies and lavenders, and more.

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## XPRESS FOCUS

### BGS GIMS Celebrates 4th Convocation

BGS Global Institute of Medical Sciences celebrated its Fourth Convocation Day and the 10th anniversary recently at the BGS auditorium situated in a sprawling green campus at Kengeri.

The programme was witnessed by a majestic audience consisting of the Principals of BGS and SJB Group of Institutions, trustees, parents, HODs of various departments, faculty members and students.

The Hippocratic oath was delivered to the graduating interns and dignitaries awarded the students their MBBS degrees followed by honouring the student toppers in various subjects.

In his address, Dr Ravindra said, "There is a significant difference in the number of doctors in rural and urban areas. Patients are turning into consumers and the medical field is becoming a business. This is an alarming development and young doctors should stop being obsessed with foreign countries and should start serving in rural areas.

Adi Chunchanagiri Shri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji said that there is a huge of difference in the average life expectancy of rural and urban citizens. "Medical service for rural people is still difficult. Medical infrastructure should be built according to the population of the country.," he said.

Dr. Jayakar Shetty, Chancellor, Bengaluru University stated that even after 75 years, minimum medical facilities like primary health centers are not available to the people of rural areas and encouraged the students to play a crucial role in addressing the concern.

Dr. Prakashnath Swamiji, Managing Director, BGS and SJB Group of Institutions, Bengaluru, Dr. H Sudarshan Ballal, Chairman, Manipal Hospital, and Dr. Bhagavan B. C, Vice Principal, KIMS and others were present during the event.

# BOOK NOOK

## The Paris Apartment

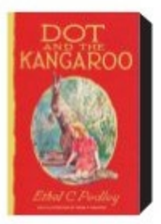
**By Lucy Foley**

The Paris Apartment takes readers into a world of mystery where everyone is a suspect and nothing is what it seems, following a young woman who flees difficulties in her personal life for the refuge of her brother's home in a fancy Parisian apartment complex.

## The Duke and I

**By Julia Quinn**

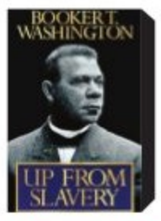
A young, marryable woman should be friendly—but not overly friendly. At the latter, Daphne Bridgerton has consistently failed. She has made acquaintances with some of London's most attractive young men.



## Dot and the Kangaroo

**By Ethel Pedley**

Dot is made friends with by a good-natured kangaroo while she is lost and terrified in the bush. After consuming the understanding berries, she gains the ability to converse with all of the bush animals, who eventually lead her back to her starting point.



## Up From Slavery

**By Booker T. Washington**

Washington chronicles his transformation from slave to instructor in Up from Slavery. He directly attributes his success as a man of action in his community and country to his education in the early sections of the book, which also detail his childhood as a slave and his attempts to get a higher education.

# WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

## French Flavours

Amiel Gourmet, a collective establishment of modern French cuisine introduces a pop-up curated by chef Amiel. The menu features delicacies from various regions of France made with locally-sourced and fresh ingredients.

**WHERE:** The Courtyard Community, Shanti Nagar
**WHEN:** April 16, 1pm
**DETAILS:** airmenus.in/courtyard/

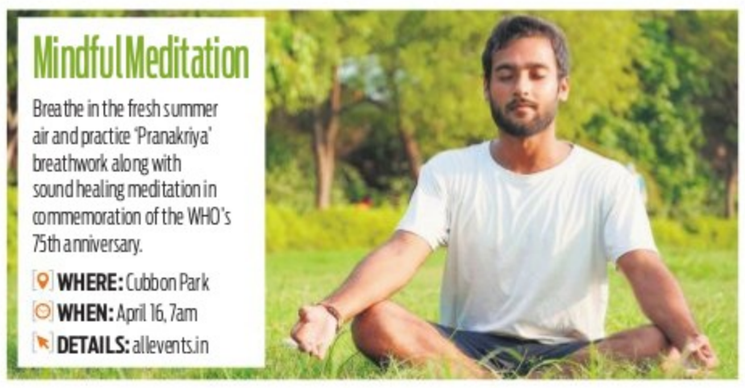
## Salsa Swirls

An introductory one-hour session in Salsa that gives you the basics of the dance form. Taking a partner is not mandatory. **WHERE:** Shara - Centre of Latin Dance, Jayanagar **WHEN:** April 16, 6pm **DETAILS:** insider.in

## Mindful Meditation

Breathe in the fresh summer air and practice 'Pranakriya' breathwork along with sound healing meditation in commemoration of the WHO's 75th anniversary.

**WHERE:** Cubbon Park
**WHEN:** April 16, 7am
**DETAILS:** allevents.in



## Weekend Fun

This weekend, dance your stress away to Bollywood and Punjabi music at Boomerang. Entry free for couples and women. **WHERE:** Koramangala
**WHEN:** April 16, 8pm **DETAILS:** insider.in

## Outdoor Binge

This summer, spend your vacation watching the 'Kung Fu Panda' movie on the big screen with friends and family and under the open sky. **WHERE:** Algorythm, Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield Road
**WHEN:** April 16, 7pm
**DETAILS:** sunsetcinemaclub.in

## Culture time

This weekend, indulge in a bit of culture and witness mother-daughter duo Deepa Manjunath and Mukta Manjunath, from the Natya Sankula Dance Institute, make their Bharatanatyam debut.

**WHERE:** JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar
**WHEN:** April 16, 10am
**DETAILS:** 9742839939

## Magical experience

Let magician Nicolai Friedrich wow you with his mystifying tricks at his show 'Limitless'.
**WHERE:** Prestige Srihari Khoday Centre for Performing Arts, Kanakapura Road
**WHEN:** April 16, 5pm
**DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

**ORNAMENTAL CHARM**

Model and actor Yashaa Gupta takes a look at the ornaments displayed at the Indian Artisan Bazaar, a 10-day art and crafts exhibition organised at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath | **SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA**

# QUICK FIX

## MOHAN THAL

Contributed by **Rutwik Vasava,** Narmada

**INGREDIENTS**

- **Gram flour:** 3 cups
- **Sugar:** 1.5 cups
- **Saffron food colour:** pinch
- **Cardamom powder:** 1/4 tsp
- **Chopped dry fruits:** 1/2 cup
- **Oil:** 1 cup
- **Ghee:** 1/4 cup
- **Khoa:** 1/2 cup
- **Water:** 1/2 cup

**METHOD**

- Heat the gram flour in oil for 5 to 6 minutes on medium flame by stirring it continuously.
- Leave the gram flour for cooling and add dry fruits to it.
- Boil water in another container and dissolve sugar in it and add the fruit colour and cardamom powder.
- Add the heated gram flour and khoa to the boiling water.
- Stir the mixture well for 2 to 3 minutes.
- Spread the mixture in a flat vessel and let it cool down.

## What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

# FIT BIT

## SUPTA SUCIRANDHRASANA VARIATION

(SUPINE WINDSHIELD WIPER POSE VARIATION ONE LEG ON TOP)

**This variation is done lying down on the back and stretching the hands up and the toes pointing down and being pulled. It focuses on the hips and is used to twist the spine and the abdomen. Practising the pose when lying down makes it relaxing.**

**STEPS**

- Lie down in the Supine Windshield Wiper Twist Pose, twisting the hips towards the left side, and stay here for about 3-4 breaths.
- Inhale deeply and gently shift your weight to the right outer side of the hips while twisting the torso and keeping the neck neutral and neck up.
- Your right knee should fall outwards while the left leg continues to be bent at the knee.
- Bring the arms to stretch up over the head while the foot is placed over the other knee to feel a different stretch at the thighs and the feet.
- Stay in this pose for 10 breaths, engaging the right leg quadriceps, glutes, lower back, quadriceps and the obliques.
- Those who find balancing on the side of the body a challenge, can choose to use a bolster as a support to help balance the body.
- Exhale and release the right foot and rest back into Savasana.
- Repeat the practise moving towards the right side as you begin from the transition pose.
- Finally, release and completely relax in Savasana.

**LIMITATIONS**

Who have injuries to the spine, neck, shoulders, hips, knees, lower back, shoulders or neck, quadriceps muscles and anyone suffering from non-functioning of any internal organs or just after any surgery, avoid this.

Senior citizens can practice it at their comfort.

**BENEFITS**

- Creates spinal flexibility and opens tight muscles. Helpful for both heart and lungs.
- Releases anxiety and depression related symptoms. Helps easy flow of prana.
- Counter pose after practising deep hip opening yoga sequences.
- Opens the deeper muscles and tissues like the fascia. Releases embedded tensions.
- Stretches and strengthens the quadriceps and abdominal muscles.
- Massages the internal organs like stomach, spleen, kidneys, liver.
- Creates a deep stretch at the psoas muscles.
- Beneficial post-delivery or even during the last stages of pregnancy.
- Reproductive system functions well. Digestion improves.
- Good for periods, reduces menopausal symptoms. Useful to heal lower back aches.

**By N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai**

# NOW STREAMING

## REGIONAL

**JUBILEE** (Hindi, series)

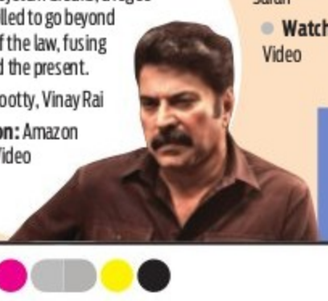
Thrilling yet poetic tale woven around an ensemble of characters and the gambles they're willing to take, in pursuit of their dreams, passion, ambition and love.

**Cast:** Wamiqa Gabbi, Aditi Rao Hydari
**Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**CHRISTOPHER** (Malayalam)

When the system breaks, a rogue cop is compelled to go beyond the confines of the law, fusing the past and the present.

**Cast:** Mammootty, Vinay Rai
**Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video



**RANGA MAARTHAANDA** (Telugu)

Rao is a theatre artist who was given the title Rangamarthanda. As he grows older, he decides to retire and distributes his wealth among his children, Sri and Ranga who mistreat him and his wife Raju Garu.

**Cast:** Prakash Raj, Ramya Krishnan
**Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**KABZAA** (Kannada)

In 1947, a Gandhi follower and a freedom fighter are brutally attacked. Due to unavoidable circumstances, the freedom fighter's son gets embroiled in the underworld, in the years that follow.

**Cast:** Upendra, Sudeep, Shriya Saran
**Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**MAESTRO** (Telugu)

A pianist pretends to be blind in order to improve his musical abilities, but eventually secures a solid work at a restaurant. Unfortunately, he falls into his own trap as he maintains his ruse and sees a murder.

**Cast:** Nithiin, Nabha Natesh, Tamanna Bhatia
**Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

*All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.*

**PAILWAAN** (Kannada)

Krishna, an orphan, is cared for by Sarkar, the proprietor of a gym. He overcomes all hurdles to become a wrestler, but when he falls in love, he clashes with his coach.

**Cast:** Kiccha Sudeep, Aakanksha Singh, Suniel Shetty
**Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**BYOMKESH O PINJRAPOL** (Bengali, series)

The eighth season of Byomkesh adapts Sharadindu Bandyopadhyay's Chiriyakhana and creates a world where Byomkesh's presence is perhaps the most precarious.

**Cast:** Anirban Bhattacharya, Ridhima Ghosh, Bhaswar Chatterjee
**Watch on:** Hoichoi

## FOREIGN

**WORLD WAR Z** (English)

Gerry, a former United Nations staffer, finds himself in an unexpected race against time as he studies a dangerous virus that turns individuals into zombies.

**Cast:** Brad Pitt, Mireille Enos
**Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

**PANDORA** (South Korean)

A nuclear power station is built in a rural community, but an earthquake soon forces it to explode, exposing the residents to radiation.

**Cast:** Kim Nam-gil, Moon Jeong-hee
**Watch on:** Netflix

**FREUD** (German, series)

Sigmund Freud and a psychic medium become involved in an occult conspiracy while investigating many disappearances and murders in Vienna.

**Cast:** Robert Finster, Ella Rumpf
**Watch on:** Netflix

**THE PUNISHER** (English, Series)

Following his family's death at the hands of a gang of violent criminals, Frank Castle seeks vengeance and punishes those responsible for his misfortune.

**Cast:** Jon Bernthal, Ben Barnes, Amber Rose Revah
**Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

**SUBSCRIPTION**

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# LIQUORS WITH A TOUCH OF BEER

*(The writer is a mixologist at Long Boat Brewing Co)*

BENGALURU is known as the 'Silicon Valley of India' because of its concentration of technology startups, but it is also at the forefront of the country's craft beer boom. Mixing freshly-crafted beers with other liquors can create a variety of unique and interesting flavour combinations. Some common beer cocktails include the shandy, which is made by mixing beer with lemonade or another citrus juice, and the michelada, which is a Mexican drink made by mixing beer with lime juice, hot sauce, and spices. Here are some mouth-watering recipes:

## RECIPES

### Honky Tonky Women

■ This cocktail starts with 2 oz of gin, add refreshing flavour with a slight tanginess from the lime juice of ½ oz. Later blend with 2 kiwi fruit slices to add sweetness and a slightly tart flavour, while the elderflower syrup would provide a floral and sweet note. The beer foam would add a frothy and creamy texture to the drink, which would likely balance out the sweetness and acidity of the other ingredients. Overall, this cocktail is a unique and delicious combination of flavour and textures.

■ Overall, beer cocktails and mixing beer with other liquors can be a fun and creative way to enjoy your favourite beverages in new and interesting ways.

### Who Lives in the Sea!

■ Whisky shaken with orange marmalade, fresh lime juice, and finished with beer is a unique and flavourful cocktail that combines sweet, tart, and bitter flavours in a refreshing and complex drink.

■ To make this cocktail, start by adding a spoonful of orange marmalade to a cocktail shaker. Add a few ice cubes, followed by 1.5 ounces of your favourite whisky and the juice of half a lime. Shake vigorously until the marmalade has dissolved and the ingredients are well-combined.

■ Next, strain the mixture into a glass filled with ice and top it off with your favourite beer. A light lager or pale ale works well for this cocktail, as it adds a crisp and refreshing finish to the drink.

■ Garnish the cocktail with a slice of lime or a sprig of fresh mint for an extra touch of colour and flavour.

■ Overall, this cocktail is a delicious and inventive twist on a classic whisky sour, with the addition of orange marmalade and beer adding depth and complexity to the drink. Enjoy it on a warm summer evening or as a unique addition to your next cocktail party.

# TICKLE YOUR TASTE BUDS

Vishu is here, and as always, restaurants in Bengaluru have put together a rich spread of sadya in the traditional authentic style of Kerala to make this auspicious day even more special for the Malayalis residing here. From a variety of payasams to over 25 dishes on a banana leaf, restaurants are offering a treat this festival.

## Feel the festive fervour

Treat yourself to a specially-curated Vishu sadya with a sumptuous spread consisting of over 25 dishes. Three varieties of payasam are also available.

**WHERE:** Salt Mango Tree, Indiranagar
**WHEN:** April 15 and 16, 11 am onwards
**DETAILS:** Dine-in ₹899 ++, takeaway priced at ₹949++
**BOOKINGS:** saltmangotree.co.in.

## Celebrate in Style

Indulge in a rich spread of delicacies such as avial, sambar, kichadi, olan, and payasams that transport you to a world of tradition and taste.

**WHERE:** The Paul Bangalore, Domlur
**WHEN:** April 15, from 12.30 pm onwards
**DETAILS:** For dine-in & takeaway - ₹1,749++; payasams available at ₹999++.
**CALL:** 9606973225

## Spread of happiness

Ready for a delicious feast this Vishu? Get ready to satisfy your sadya cravings with this feasty treat. **WHERE:** Falcon Restaurant, R R Nagar, Mysore Road
**WHEN:** April 15, 12 pm onwards
**DETAILS:** ₹450++
**CALL:** 7022229944

## Platter of traditional flavours

A generous variety of different kinds of Kerala dishes, including payasams and a line-up of vegetable thorans and curries.

**WHERE:** Marigold, Whitefield
**WHEN:** April 15, 11.30 am onwards **DETAILS:** Dine-in ₹750 ++, takeaway ₹799 ++ **CALL:** 080-61329696

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, NISHANT ARYABHUMI S/o MAHIDHAR REDDY ARYABHUMI, R/o Flat no-802 8th flr, Salarpuria Aristocracy 14th cross, JP Nagar 1st phase Bangalore - 560078, have Permanently changed my name as NISHANTH REDDY ARYABHUMI, vide affidavit dated 13/04/2023, sworn before notary L.Puttaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, NIDHI HEMANTH KUMAR No.34, 3rd Cross, Devappa Layout, Ramachandrapura Jalahalli Post, Bangalore - 560013, have correcting her father's name from HEMANTH KUMAR DEVAIAJ to HEMANTH KUMAR DEVAIAH vide affidavit dated 13/04/2023 sworn before Notary K C PEMMAIAH, Bangalore-560097

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, SERVICE NO.16122514P NK C NARESH of unit: RHQ CAMP, 7 ENGR REGT, C/O 99 APO, PIN:914007, Have Changed My Father Name (OLD NAME) C LAXMAIAH to (NEW NAME) CHETLA LAXMAIAH And Mother Name (OLD NAME) C LAXMAMMA to (NEW NAME) CHETLA LAXMAMMA Vide Affidavit Dated 12.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, (OLD NAME) P NAGALAXMI Spouse of NO 16122514P NK C NARESH, Residing at House NO.1-52, Peddapally (Vill), Telakapally (MD), Nagar Karnool (Taluk & Dist), TELANGANA (State), PIN:509385, Have Changed My Name to (NEW NAME) C NAGALAXMI Vide Affidavit Dated 12.04.2023 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, KAMALA .S, D/o late N. Srinivasan, R/of No. 103, 2nd Floor, Siddathanu Apartments, Jalgaon, Dapoli, Rathnagiri District, Maharastra-415712, camp at No. 38, Veejai, 1st Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from Mrs. KAMALA SHIVARAM to Mrs. KAMALA S (KAMALA SRINIVASAN), henceforth I shall be known and called as Mrs. KAMALA .S (KAMALA SRINIVASAN) only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 3-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary MANOHAR JEERIGE at Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, MANJUNATH N, S/o Narayanappa H, R/at #70, Hyadalu Village, Mylanahalli Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist-562123 do hereby declare that my son's correct name is VARSHITH MANJUNATH, but in his Aadhar Card his name is wrongly mentioned as VARSHITH REDDY N, instead of VARSHITH MANJUNATH, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary R. LAKSHMINARAYANA at Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, ASHA MANJUNATH W/o MANJUNATH N, R/at #70, Hyadalu Village, Mylanahalli Post, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist-562123 do hereby declare that my correct name is ASHA MANJUNATH, but in my Aadhar Card & Voter ID, my name is wrongly mentioned as ASHARANI S, instead of ASHA MANJUNATH, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary R. LAKSHMINARAYANA at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, SANTOSH ABRAHAM (New Name), S/o THOMAS ABRAHAM, Aged about 44 years, Resident at FLAT NO.D1, AMULYA PARK, NRI LAYOUT, KALKERE MAIN ROAD, NEAR HDFC BANK, RAMAMURTHYNAGAR, BENGALURU-560016, declare that I have changed my name from SANTOSH ABRAHAM THOMAS ABRAHAM (Old Name) to SANTOSH ABRAHAM (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called as SANTOSH ABRAHAM (New Name) for all my personal, official & legal purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 13/04/2023 before Notary N.NARAYANA SWAMY at BENGALURU.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, BOLLAPALLI SAJAN SAI CHOWDARY, S/o Bollapalli Srinivasa Ravi Kumar Chowdary, aged about 31 years, R/at No. 419, 2nd Cross, Kithaganur Main Road, Near Garden City University, Prashanth Nagar, K.R. Puram, Bangalore-560036, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., BOLLAPALLI SAJAN SAI CHOWDARY and BOLLAPALLI SAJJAN SAI are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as BOLLAPALLI SAJAN SAI CHOWDARY only, vide affidavit dated 12-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary G. RAJENDRA at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, VIJI SURESH, W/o A Suresh Kumar, aged about 36 years, R/at No. 12, Natarajan Building, Kaveri Street, Opp. Jubliee School, Vijinapura, Dooravaninagar, Bangalore-560016, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., VIJI SURESH and VIJI V are one and the same and belongs to me only, now I have changed my name from VIJI V to VIJI SURESH, henceforth I shall be known and called as VIJI SURESH only, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary SREEDHARAN NAIR P.N at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, SANTOSH B Uruf SANTHOSH B S/o Basavaraju, aged about 23 years, R/at Tharati, Jatti Agrahara Post, Koratagere Taluk, Tumkur District-572129, do hereby declare that do hereby declare that both the names i.e., SANTHOSH B and SANTOSH B are one and the same and belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 10-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary R. LAKSHMINARAYANA at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, NINGAPPA ALAGAWADI, aged about 43 years, S/o Ganappa K. Alagawadi, R/at No. 499, 1st floor, 2nd Stage, 11th Cross, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore-560086, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from LINGARAJU .G & NINGAPPA GANAPPA ALAGAWADI to NINGAPPA ALAGAWADI, henceforth I shall be known and called as NINGAPPA ALAGAWADI only, vide affidavit dated 12-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary R. RAGHUNATH RAO at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, KAVERI BHUWAN KUMAR, aged about 34 years, D/o Bhuwan Kumar, R/at Flat #37127, Wing 37, Sobha Dream Acres, Panathur Main Road, Balagere, Varthur Hobli, Varthur, Bengaluru-560087, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from KAVERI KUMAR to KAVERI BHUWAN KUMAR, henceforth I shall be known and called as KAVERI BHUWAN KUMAR only, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary N. KANCHIVARADARAJU at Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, SRI KUSHAL N. MURTHY, age 27 years, S/o Sri T. Narayanamurthy, residing at 10/3, 5th New Main, Vivekanandanagar, BSK III Stage, Kattriguppe Main Road, Bangalore-560 085 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. KUSHAL N. MURTHY and T.N. KUSHAL are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 13th April 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary P.K. NALINAKSHI at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, DALY V.J. @ DALY TOMY, D/o Late Johny, age 50 years, R/at No. 62, 1st Cross, Manisha Township, Bileshivale Village, Doddagubbi Post, Bangalore-560 077 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from DALY V.J. @ DALY TOMY to DALY RAJEEV, henceforth I shall be known and called as DALY RAJEEV only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 8-4-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary PRAKASHA C, at Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, BHAGYA GOPI, W/o Gopi M, age 48 years, R/at No. 83, Naidhruva Nilaya, 4th Main, Royal Lake Front Residency, Near Vishwendra Apartment, J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560 076 do hereby declare that my correct name is BHAGYA GOPI, but in my Aadhar Card my surname i.e. GOPI is left out, henceforth I shall be known and called as BHAGYA GOPI only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13th April 2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary ARUNA V, at Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, VENKATESH BABU J, S/o Late Narayanasetty .J, aged about 49 years, R/at No. 627/1, 8th 'B' Main, 3rd Stage, 2nd Block, WOC Road, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from VENKATESHABABU .J to VENKATESH BABU J, henceforth I shall be known and called as VENKATESH BABU J only, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary L. VEENA at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, A. JOHN ROSARIA, R/at No. 4, Rajanna Building, Logo Street, 1st Main, 1st Cross, Mallappa Layout, Bengaluru-560049, declare that my father name was S.S. ANTHONY, have changed and adopted his name as SALEM SELVEM ANTHONY, henceforth called as SALEM SELVEM ANTHONY, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023 before Notary K. VENKATESHAN, Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, N. SRINIVAS, S/o C. Narayana, R/at #19/1, 2nd Cross, R A Road, Ejipura, Viveknagar Post, Bengaluru-560047, declare that both names N. SRINIVAS and NARAYANA SRINIVASAN refers/pertains to one and the same person i.e., myself only, vide affidavit dated 10-04-2023 before Notary K. VENKATESHAN, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Mrs RITIKA SACHDEV D/o DEEPAK SACHDEV, W/o ROHIT M TALREJA residing at G3, Orchid Esteem Gardenia, E Block, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092 have changed my name as KRITI ROHIT TALREJA vide Affidavit Dtd 13.04.2023 sworn before V. ARUNA, PUBLIC NOTARY Govt of India, Rajajinagar, Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, NISHA VIJAYAKUMAR, aged about 30 years, W/o Gokulananda .S, R/at #16, 2nd Floor, Sakshi Sadan, 20th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Banashankari II Stage, Bengaluru-560070, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from NISHA to NISHA VIJAYAKUMAR, henceforth I shall be known and called as NISHA VIJAYAKUMAR only, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANGARAJU .B.N at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, VINAYAKA CHANDRASHEKHAR HEGDE, aged about 45 years, S/o Chandrashekhar Hegde, R/at #36/1, 2nd Floor, 11th Cross, Near Aneppa Circle, 1st Block, Akshaya Nagar, Dooravaninagar Post, Bengaluru-560016, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from VINAYAKA HEGDE to VINAYAKA CHANDRASHEKHAR HEGDE, henceforth I shall be known and called as VINAYAKA CHANDRASHEKHAR HEGDE only, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary N. KANCHIVARADARAJU at Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Mahendra S P S/o Pampanna S G, Aged about 43 years, R/o Villa No.28, NCC Urban Green Province, Beside H P Petrol Bunk, Sompura Gate, VTC Sompura, Sarjapura Post, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District-562125, I declare that I have changed my Son's name from PRAJWAL S M alias PRAJWAL MAHENDRA SANNAGONAPPALA to PRAJWAL MAHENDRA. vide affidavit dated 13.04.2023, Sworn before advocate and notary Roopa G Bhandare, Bengaluru-562125

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, TAILOR POOJA SHIRISHKUMAR (DOB: 15.09-1996) W/o Mr. Mohith.J, R/o: #846, 15th B Cross, 2nd Stage, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru - 560 064, have changed my name from TAILOR POOJA SHIRISHKUMAR to POOJA MOHITH Vide affidavit dated 14.04.2023 sworn to before Notary Public G.P.Chaya, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, MANJUNATHA, S/o. Munivenkatappa, aged about 52 years, (Date of Birth:27/07/1971), at No.20/16, NR Old Post Office, 1 Main, Gorugunte Palya, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560022, also residing at No.03, I Main Road, Anjaneya Temple, Gorguntepalya, Yeswanthpur, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560022, have changed my name from MUNJUNATHA to MANJUNATHA, vide affidavit dated 12/4/2023 sworn to before R.S. Vijay advocate and notary Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, REETU JAIN D/O ASHOK KUMAR, Residing At Prestige West Woods, Flat No 4123 ,12th Floor, Delmar, near Sobha Indraprastha Apartments, Gopalpura, Bangalore-560023.
I Have Changed My Name To "REETU JAIN W/O PRAFFUL KUMAR JAIN" Vide Affidavit Dated 10/04/2023 Sworn To Before Notary B. Hanumantharaya, LAW/LCL/291/2021 Bangalore On 11/04/2023.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, BHUVANESWARI PRIYANKA.K, D/o G. KUPPUSAMI, aged about 27 years, (Date of Birth: 01.05.1996) residing at # 3CM-221, Athulyam OMBR Layout, Bengaluru-560 043, have changed my name from BHUVANESHWARI PRIYANKA.K to BHUVANESWARI PRIYANKA.K, vide affidavit dated 13/4/2023 sworn to before K. Siddappa advocate and notary Bangalore

**NAME DECLARATION**

I, J.S. RAJASHEKAR, S/o. K. Siddananjaiah, aged about 61 years, R/at No.75/20, 8th Cross, 17th Main Road, J.C.Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram Layout, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560086.
My name J.S.Rajashekar as entered in all my Voter ID, driving license, pan card & other Documents.
but my name has been appeared in the passport as "RAJASHEKHARA", my correct name is "J.S.Rajashekar".
I declare that my name "J.S.RAJASHEKAR" instead of "RAJASHEKHARA, vide affidavit date:13-04-2023 sworn before R.Raghunath Rao, Advocate & Notary Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, VARSHA SANTOSH AMBALGEKAR, W/O SANTOSH AMBALGEKAR, aged about 34 years, (Date of Birth: 04.03.1989) residing at # G-3 Shivaganga Rose, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Sumukha Layout, Near Abbaian Naidu Studio, Subramanyapura, Chikkalasandra, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 061, have changed my name from VARSHA PUJAR to VARSHA SANTOSH AMBALGEKAR, vide affidavit dated 13/4/2023 sworn to before K.Siddappa advocate and notary Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, SADDAM HUSSAIN aged 39 years S/o BASHA SAB residing at No. SKPT Street. Belur Hassan 573115, have changed my name from SADDAM HUSSAIN BASHA SAB to SADDAM HUSSAIN, vide affidavit dated 13/4/2023 sworn to before Prakasha. C advocate and notary Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, MISBA RUMAN D/o MOHAMMED RAFIULLA, aged about 31 years, Residing at No. 55. Thahera Manzil, 3rd Main, Near Sujatha Theatre, Ramachandrapuram, Bengaluru 560021. have changed my name from SYEDA MISBA RUMAN to MISBA RUMAN, vide affidavit dated 13/4/2023 sworn to before Prakasha.C advocate and notary Bangalore

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, BABY NIRMALA VEERA RAGHAVULA W/o. Medaramatla Madhava Reddy address: No. P6-B-403, Sector 11, Beside Water Tank, Jeevan Bhima Nagar, Bengaluru-560075. have changed my name from BABY NIRMALA VEERA RAGHAVULA to NIRMALA MEDARAMATLA Vide affidavit dated 12-04-2023 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Manjula Devi, Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, KINTHU SHANKTALA P, resident of No. 30, R.H.B. Colony, Near Phoenix Mall, Whitefield Road, Bangalore North, Bangalore, KARNATAKA-560 048 have changed my name to KAJAL MEHTA vide affidavit dated 13/04/2023 sworn before advocate and notary Ramesh D Shah, Bengaluru.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Smt. KINTHU SHANKTALA.P. Wife of Sri. ADESHWAR MEHTA, R/a No.30, R.H.B. Colony, Near Phoenix Mall, Whitefield Road, BENGALURU-560048, have changed my name to KAJAL MEHTA. The names of KINTHU SHANKTALA P, KINTHU SHAKTALA, KINTHU SHANKLA AND KINTHU SHANKTAL belong to one and the same person i.e. myself vide Affidavit dated 13/04/2023 sworn to before Advocate and Notary Sri. RAMESH D SHAH, at Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, SUVARNA CHITTAWADGI KORISHETTAR and resident of No. 136, 7th Cross, Near Inchara Hotel KR Layout, JP Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore 560078 have changed my name to SUVARNA KOTRAPPA vide affidavit dated 12/04/2023 sworn before advocate and notary C.N. Balasubramanyam, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, MANJUNATH SHANKAR NARAYAN / MANJUNATH .S, aged about 41 years, S/o SHANKAR NARAYAN GADDAM SEENAPPA residing at Old No. 10/2, New No, 27, 4th Cross, Shivananda Nagar, Moodalapalya, Bangalore-560072. have changed my name to MANJUNATH SHANKAR NARAYAN GADDAM vide affidavit dated 12/04/2023 sworn before advocate and notary K. Gunde Gowda, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, PARMAR JANKIBEN BATUKBHAI R/o. Flat #201, 2nd Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross, JCR Layout, Panathur, Bengaluru- 560103, Have Changed My Name to VALA JANKIBEN NITESHKUMAR vide Affidavit Dated: 12-04-2023 Sworn Before Notary Hemalatha, Bengaluru

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, KARTHIK BOHRA, R/a Flat #603, Platinum Ananda Apartment, 6th Floor, Next to Ramkrishna Math, Bull Temple Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560019, have changed name to KARTIK BOHRA vide affidavit Dated: 14.04.2023 Sworn before Notary Hemalatha, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, CHANDAN LOKESHA, aged18 years, S/o. Lokesh Kalegowda, residing of No.153, 4th B-Main Road, 4 th Block, 4th Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079, have changed my name to CHANDAN LOKESH vide affidavit dated :12-04-2023 sworn before Notary H.S. SAKALESH ARADHYA, BENGALURU.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, FAUZIYA SHUKKUR W/o Irshad Ahmed R/at Flat No.001, E Block Ground Floor, SJR Equinox Apartments, Velankani Road, Doddathoguru, Bengaluru- 560100 have changed my name to FAWZIYA BHANU vide affidavit dated: 14/4/2023 Before Notary N.Nagappa Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, Shweta Singh, previously called Kumari Sweta, Aged about 32 years, W/o Suryakant Bhim Raj Singh, resident of: Hemanth Govind Apartment, Flat No. 302, Opp BEML Layout Bus Stop, BEML Layout, Brookfield, Bangalore-560066. Hereby declare that, I have changed my name from 'KUMARI SWETA' to "SHWETA SINGH" vide Affidavit dated 13.04.2023, Sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, C A BHARATH KUMAR S/o C Annamalai, R/o No.113, 3rd Main Road, Best County Phase-2, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son name from B A ASHWATH YADHAV to B ASHWATH NAINAR vide Affidavit dated 11th April 2023 sworn before Notary T C Thimmaraju, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, BIJAY KUMAR NAYAK (OLD NAME) S/o Hrudayraj, R/o No. 04, Rachenahalli Main Road, Mestripalya, Rachenahalli, Bangalore-560045, Do hereby solemnly affirm that I Have changed my name to, KAPILENDRA SINGHA, henceforth my name will be, KAPILENDRA SINGHA in all my record and documents vide Affidavit dated 13th April 2023 before Advocate and Notary, H. Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, RAMAKRISHAN GAMPA, Aged about 42 years, S/o Gampa Krishna, Residing at #G-203, 3rd Floor, Gopalan Habitat Spendor, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru - 560 037, do hereby declare that, GAMPA JAYARAM is my son born on 23/02/2009 pursuing IX at Ryan International School, in his school records my name spelt inadvertently as RAMAKRISHNA GAMPA instead of RAMAKRISHAN GAMPA as per my Aadhar & Pan Card, child birth certificate. I hereby declare that my correct name is RAMAKRISHAN GAMPA. Vide affidavit dated 13.04.2023 sworn to before VI Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore.

**DECLARATION**

I, NITYASRI KANUKOLANU, D/o. Srinath Kanukolanu, residing at Flat No. 3024, Santorini, Sobha City, Thanisandra, Bangalore-560077, state that in my Passport No. 55625640, my Mother's name is wrongly specified as 'PUNITA' instead of her correct name 'PUNITA ANAND' I further declare that my Mother's correct name is 'PUNITA ANAND' vide affidavit Dated 11/04/2023 sworn before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, M.K.THANKAM, Dependent of Sanal M.K. Legally Mother of Sanal M.K resident of House No. 27, 3rd Cross, NMH Layout, Behind Kirloskar Layout, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore-560090, have changed my name M.K.THANKAM to THANKAMMA vide affidavit Dated 13/04/2023 sworn before Notary T.V.Bhadravijaya, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, NEERA KUMARI PANDEY, Spouse of Rakesh Pandey, resident of Flat No. 214, DS Max Starwood Apartment, Kereguddadahalli, Chikkabanavara Post, Bangalore -560090, have changed my name from NEERA KUMARI PANDEY to NEERA PANDEY Date of Birth 03 July 1972 vide affidavit Dated 13/04/2023 sworn before Notary T.V.Bhadravijaya, Bangalore.

**CHANGE OF NAME**

I, AASHITH B. RAJ, S/o. D. BASAVARAJU, previously called AASHITH B. S/o. D. BASAVARAJU, R/o at Now residing at No. 178, Rajbhavana, 2nd Main, 6h Cross, Jnanabharathi 2nd Stage, Near Amma Ashrama, Jnanabharathi Post, Bangalore - 560056 have changed my name as AASHITH B. RAJ vide affidavit dated 13-08-2008 sworn before Notary P. Vijaya Kumar, Bangalore. and court order O.S. No. 2715/2013. Henceforth in all my documents, records and certificates will be in my new name AASHITH B. RAJ, S/o. D. BASAVARAJU.

**LOST & FOUND**

AARON THOMAS of Bishop Cotton Boys School, Bangalore has lost the Original PASS CERTIFICATE and Original STATEMENT OF MARKS of Class X, Indian School Certificate Examination, 2014, issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi. If, found, please contact, Miriam Thomas, 9902017187.
Sd/- Miriam Thomas

**LOST**

I, Priyatam Reddy Somagattu s/o Narayana Reddy Somagattu do hereby declare that my ORIGINAL academic certificates as follows: first semester Grade Sheet and second semester Grade Sheet, have been reportedly lost by me. It is solemnly declared that to the best of my knowledge, I have not wilfully deposited them with anybody to seek employment, loan, similar other benefaction, etc. In case said certificates are found by anyone, the same may kindly be returned to the undersigned, at the earliest. This declaration is being made by me to acquire duplicate certificates in lieu of the original ones, from the issuing institution i.e. Indian Institute of Information Technology Allahabad, India.
Sd/-
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# INVESTIGATIVE THRILLER DOES THRILL IN AMPLE PARTS

**SHIVAJI SURATHKAL2**
**Director:** Akash Srivatsa
**Cast:** Ramesh Aravind, Radhika Narayan, Aradhya Meghana Goankar, Sangeetha Sringeri, and Nassar

RATING 3/5

A SHARADHAA

THE art of making a good crime thriller is to treat the narrative like a ship sailing dangerously close to the largest wave without sinking. The narrative has to leave the truth out in the open without allowing the audience to realise it. *Shivaji Surathkal 2* does this successfully, but there is a glitch. When the waves strike the ship in the middle of the storm, the sun shows up and there is sudden calmness!

Director Akash Srivatsa's *Shivaji Surathkal 2* takes us back to our own Sherlock investigating his 131st case, 6 years after he last solved his 101st case. Deepa Kamath (Meghana Goankar), the police commissioner is particular that Shivaji Surathkal handles the case of a serial killer, who has a unique modus operandi and has successfully managed to murder four people, without a shred of evidence. He now challenges Shivaji and the team with his next murder. Will Shivaji, who is going through medical issues and fighting to protect his loved ones on the other hand, be able to catch the culprit? And at what cost? Tells the rest of the film, which ends with a beautiful line of Buddha, "Life is all about slowly losing everything and everyone we hold dear", adding a soulful touch.

Unlike the usual crime thrillers, *Shivaji Surathkal 2* weaves family drama into the narrative. The director has tactfully written the script with subtle characterisations and makes a connection between part 1 and part 2.

While Akash Srivatsa ensures the story packs ample twists and turns, to keep the audience hooked, he deviates occasionally. The portions involving the darker side of the family members, Shivaji's internal conflicts, and his sentiments towards his wife and daughter stick out a bit. Though Shivaji's investigation angle keeps us invested, there is an evident struggle in merging both family and crime angles and the pace turns sluggish at their juncture. In this blending process, the director leaves the audience confused. At a point he even makes the film feel like a horror story. But on the whole, his effort is justified.

Akash is accompanied by Judah Sandhy's music along with Darshan Ambat and Guruprasad MG's cinematography, both going strictly with the theme and the director's vision.

Ramesh Aravind as an intelligent investigative officer but an emotionally weak individual is another proof of his versatile acting abilities. The actor is focused and convincing in his role as an investigative officer, a son, a husband, and a father. With content given the top priority, *Shivaji Surathkal 2* is supported by other intriguing characters played by Meghana Goankar Radhika Narayan, and Nassar. Aaradhya who plays Siri Surathkal, the central role of the whole story is lovable. Sangeetha Sringeri adds glam to the whole investigative thriller and also takes the film forward. Madhura Gowda, Nidhi Hegde, Srushti Shetty, Lakshmi Murthy, Vinayak Joshi, Raaghu Raamanakoppa and Poornachandra Mysore also get important roles.

*Shivaji Surathkal 2*, a pure investigative thriller amid a slew of commercial entertainers comes across as a relief. While most of the usual heroes take down dozens of goons with their brawn, Shivaji Surathkal once again wins the day with his brain.

# *Kabzaa 2* in the making

An official announcement was made by R Chandru along with a poster launch

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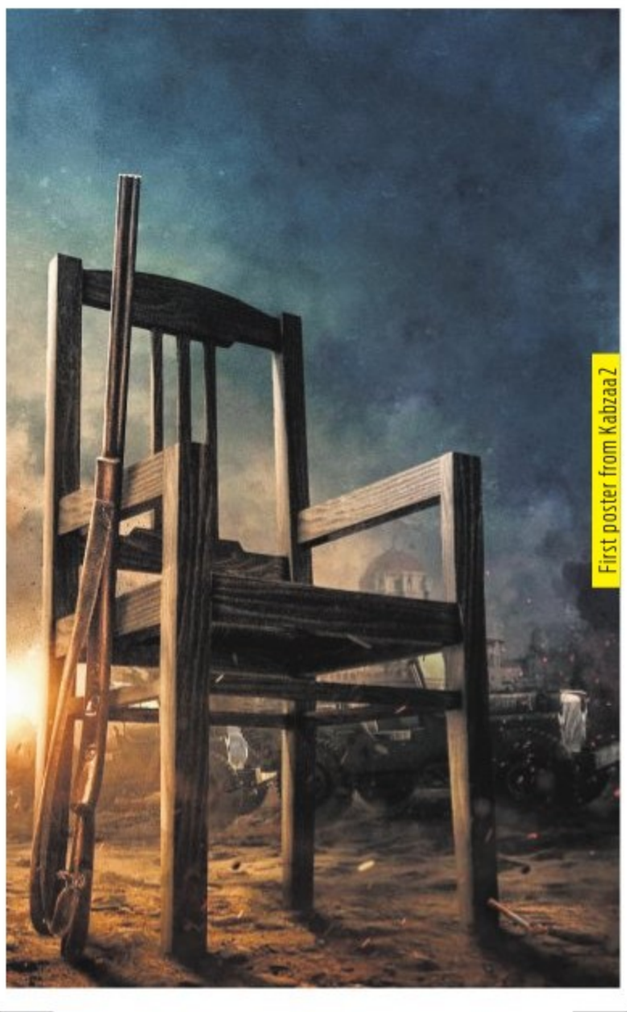
Director R Chandru's first multilingual film, *Kabzaa* starring Upendra, in the lead, Shriya Saran as the heroine with Sudeep and Shivarajkumar in pivotal roles recently completed 25 days, in around 70 theatres, and the director thanked his entire cast and crew by presenting a shield at an event held on Friday. "*Kabzaa* opened to an overwhelming response, and has earned a record collection," says Chandru, adding, "I am indebted to Upendra, and the credit must go to the entire team."

The mass entertainer started streaming on Prime Video yesterday.

Meanwhile, the director, who also produced the film, under Siddheshwara Enterprises had previously told us about making the film as a duology and made an official announcement at this event. A title look poster of *Kabzaa 2*, was unveiled by politicians H M Revanna and Ramachandra Gowda. The latter will associate with Chandru in bankrolling the project, which will be presented by KP Sreekanth. The period drama comes with a tagline, "War begins." The poster shows an empty wooden chair with a gun hung by the side. There are not many details about the film.

*Kabzaa 2* will star Upendra, Sudeep, and Shivarajkumar and director Chandru plans to rope in top stars from across south Indian languages and Hindi for the sequel. More details about the star cast will be made by the team, once the actors are officially on board.



First poster from Kabzaa2

# Jerky spy-comedy gives a tired lesson on feminism

**MRS UNDERCOVER**
**Directed by:** Anushree Mehta
**Starring:** Radhika Apte, Rajesh Sharma, Sumeet Vyas Shaheb Chattopadhyay, Laboni Sarkar Streaming on: ZEE5

RATING 2/5

KARTIK BHARDWAJ

IF only women could be empowered in films without summoning Goddess Durga with a conch shell. Debutant director Anushree Mehta's *Mrs Undercover* is a tedious harangue on feminism, covering up as a preposterous spy-comedy. Now here's the thing with doing a parody, if the makers are uninformed about the subject they are spoofing, it shows.

Kolkata is under the grip of a serial killer, who probably watches reruns of *A Wednesday* (2008) and calls himself 'The Common Man'. Played by Sumeet Vyas, Ajay aka Common Man murders 'strong, independent women' or women who aid other women in becoming strong and independent. So, all women. He isn't that discriminatory and kills men too, but only if they are agents of the 'Special Force'. He is also part of the 'Common Man Organisation', an international incel group. It gets better.

Special Force head Chief Rangeela (a delightful Rajesh Sharma), who probably describes all his dead agents as "he was one of our best", is on the lookout for any surviving subordinate to take on the serial killer. They find one, conveniently in Kolkata where Common Man is wreaking havoc. Durga (Radhika Apte), now a clumsy homemaker, was once upon a time trained as a Special Force agent. But after her handler died and her digital records got destroyed in an office fire, she was forgotten by her employers. Special Force: typical government office.

The only tickling bits in *Mrs Undercover* are when Rangeela, camouflaged as a priest or a rickshaw-puller or a fish-seller, is trying to convince Durga to take up the mission. She is now comfortable in her cover-life and gives hilarious excuses like "I can't do it, my kid has a unit test next week." Although the humour could have been sharper, Mrs Undercover fares decently when it is trying to be a spy comedy. But even at that, it leaves a lingering question: Are the makers being knowingly clueless or they actually don't know better?

Tonally, *Mrs Undercover* fluctuates rapidly. It takes a dark shade in the beginning with Vyas's Common Man running a woman over with his car multiple times. Then it becomes a domestic drama with Apte's Durga juggling household chores. On the way it gets entangled in unwarranted gags and is topped with sermons on what a 'simple housewife' can achieve if she sets her mind to it. Durga's patriarchal husband Deb's (Shaheb Chattopadhyay) disdain for her seems half-baked. An affair to amplify the drama in their relationship accounts for lousy writing.

As it progressed, the plot of *Mrs Undercover* became more and more ludicrous and made me nitpick on unnerving details, like why the Special Force holds its meeting in a brothel, surrounded by TV sets displaying static? Are serial killings investigated by covert agencies? And why is every woman in the film, engaging in action, wearing black overalls with high-heeled boots? I guess I am asking the wrong questions.

# Michael, Domhnall & Ruth to star in *Night Boat To Tangier*

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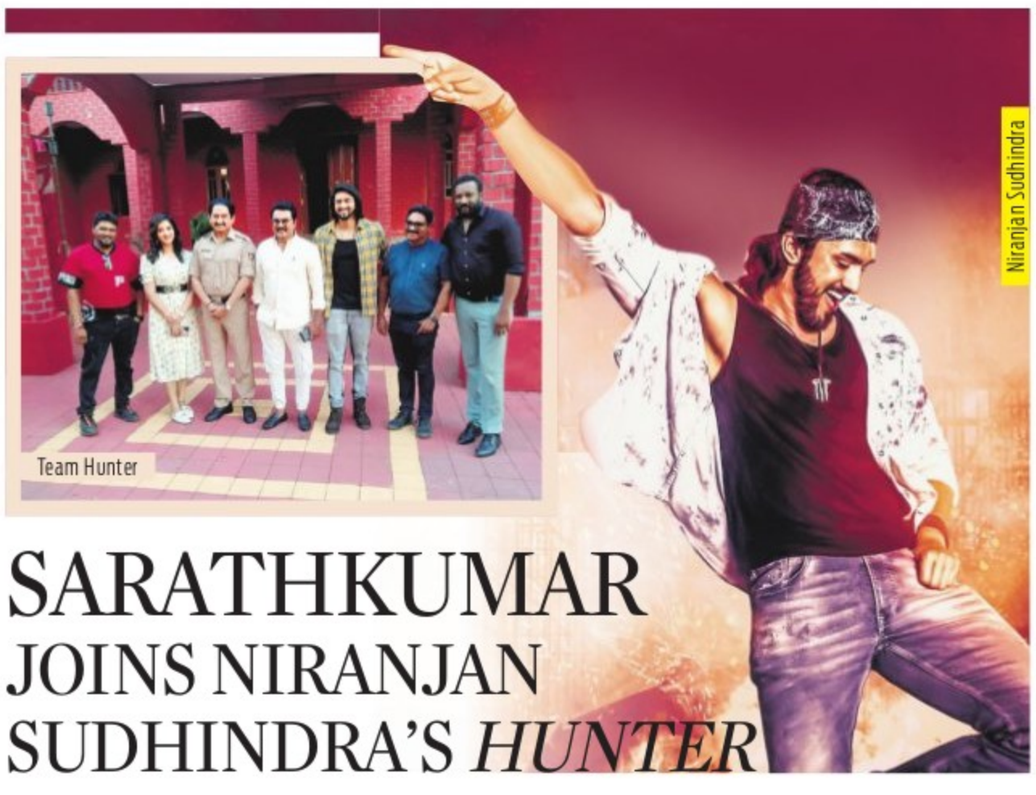
MICHAEL Fassbender, Domhnall Gleeson and Ruth Negga are all set to star in *Night Boat To Tangier,* the film adaptation of Kevin Barry's novel. Helmed by James Marsh, Ashok Amritraj Studio will present the film to global buyers at the Cannes Marche Du Film next month.

*Night Boat to Tangier* is set in Spain and Ireland. It follows Maurice and Charlie, a pair of gangsters, drug smugglers and partners with a long history of violence and intertwined personal lives, from Ireland. They're back in Spain to revisit old haunts, flames and dangerous local criminals as they search for Maurice's estranged daughter. While Fassbender plays Maurice Hearne, Gleeson will essay the role of Charlie Redmond, his partner. Negga plays Cynthia, the brains behind the operation and a woman who has a turbulent relationship with both men. More details about the film are yet to come from the makers.

Meanwhile, Michael Fassbender will next be seen in *The Killer* on Netflix and *Next Goal Wins* helmed by Taika Waititi. Gleeson will be seen in *Echo Valley* opposite Sydney Sweeney and Julianne Moore.




# SARATHKUMAR JOINS NIRANJAN SUDHINDRA'S *HUNTER*

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HUNTER - On Duty, starring Niranjan Sudhindra, and directed by Vinay Krishna is currently on floors. Bankrolled by Trivikrama Sapalya, this action thriller will feature Niranjan in multiple shades. The makers have brought in an interesting ensemble for the film, which includes Sowmya Menon (*Sarkaru Vaari Paatal*), Suman, Sadhu Kokila, and Bollywood actor Kabir Bedi as the Chief Minister. Now, the makers recently announced that Sarathkumar will star in the film as a police commissioner, and has completed shooting his portions.

"We are in the last phase of shooting and are left with a 26-day schedule, which we are planning to complete by June 10. We are looking at releasing the film this November," says the director, who has shot in places like Bengaluru, Lonavala, Pune, Mysuru and Hyderabad.

Backed by Trivikram Films, *Hunter* will have music by Chandan Shetty and cinematography by Mahesh. Meanwhile, Niranjan is also working on *Q* and *Superstar,* which are in various stages of production..